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Jakarta Couples Price Rises With **Unrest Warning**

Fuel and Power Costs Go Up As IMF Prepares to Release \$1 Billion From Rescue Funds

By Cindy Shiner
Washington Post Service

JAKARTA - In a move that could deepen social unrest across Indonesia, the government announced plans Monday to raise sharply the prices of fuel. electricity and transportation.

The move was coupled with a warning from Indonesia's top military commander that protests by students were heading toward anarchy and that a crackdown was looming.

There is proof that if students go out of the campus, the protests become uncontrollable," the defense minister, General Wiranto, who is also chief of the armed forces, was quoted as saying after a meeting with President Subarto. "Therefore, I have ordered the military to take stern action against activities that are clearly moving toward an-

The government's decision on cutting subsidies for fuel and electricity was timed to coincide with a meeting in Washington of the governing board of the International Monetary Fund and the expected announcement that it is releasing \$1 billion of its \$43 billion rescue package for Indonesia. An additional \$2 billion probably will be released by August.

The Fund withheld its March payment because of the government's noncompliance with the bailout package. It now is releasing the loans at a trickle as it monitors the steps Indonesia takes.

Among the measures being carried out are the phased removal of subsidies on commodities such as gasoline, which will now be 71 percent more expensive — an even more significant leap given that the currency is worth 70 percent less than what it was

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Indonesian riot police clashing Monday with protesting students in Bandung, the capital of West Java. Defense Minister Wiranto threatened Monday to suppress continuing student unrest.

Bundesbank Aide Derides 'Lazy' Deal

Treaty Was Violated, He Asserts

By John Schmid International Herald Tribune

FRANKFURT - A senior Bundesbank official on Monday denounced as a 'lazy compromise' the agreement over the leadership of Europe's central bank, saying it violated the European Union's Maastricht treaty.

EU leaders have opened themselves to future breaches of the treaty with their weekend accord, said Klaus-Dieter Kuehbacher, a member of the German central bank's governing council. The deal effectively shortens the term of the first president of the European Central Bank, Wim Duisenberg of the Neth-erlands, to make room for a rival French candidate.

"The ECB has found itself in a tough situation, and the next breach of the treaty already is built-in," Mr. Kuehbacher said in an interview with the

DPA German news agency.
Providing the German central bank's first reaction since the Brussels summit meeting, Mr. Kuehbacher became the most influential critic to charge that the compromise weakens the credibility of Europe's historic monetary union by

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throwing "deep shadows" over the independence of the new central bank. By injecting politics into an institution that supposedly is politically autonomous, "government heads have

gambled away any confidence for the time being," Mr. Kuehbacher said. "The government heads have already named the successor," he said, "and this is in violation of the treaty," which stipulates an eight-year term as a precondition for the political autonomy of the bank's directors. Under the terms demanded by Paris, the governor of Bank of France, Jean-Claude Trichet,

will replace Mr. Duisenberg. Chancellor Helmut Kohl, who has staked his lagging re-election campaign on his vision of European integration, endured a second day of charges that he had neglected to represent German interests with the failure to guarantee the integrity of the new currency to his

"It damages the confidence in the euro if the launch of the new currency begins with a violation of the treaty, said Gerhard Schroeder, leader of the opposition Social Democrats and front-

runner against Mr. Kohl in the September national elections.

In an interview in Rome with the International Herald Tribune, Mr. Schroeder said, "It would have been much better and would have created more confidence in national and international terms if the leaders of Europe had agreed to an eight-year term for one person.

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Brussels Fallout Sours Europe's **Political Waters**

By Barry James

BRUSSELS — Financial markets Monday shrugged off the debacle over the election of the president of the future European Central Bank, but a wave of criticism across the Continent indicated that political fallout was building.

Chancellor Helmut Kohl and President Jacques Chirac will now attempt to mend strained relations when they hold a French-German summit meeting this week, political sources said.

Meanwhile, the trade-off involved in choosing the head of the central bank could swing voters in Denmark against a vital EU referendum May 28, political sources said in Copenhagen.

Heads of state and government this weekend formally launched the European single currency, the euro, with 11 member countries and appointed Wim Duisenberg of the Netherlands to the eight-year central bank post. But under intense French pressure, Mr. Duisenberg said he would voluntarily step down midway through his term to make way for Jean-Claude Trichet, governor of the Bank of France, who would then serve for a full eight years.

It was not entirely clear why Chanellor Kohl gave in to President Chirac's demands that Mr. Trichet be allowed to split the governorship at the central bank. French sources said, however, that Mr.

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Clinton Under Pressure to Test Bond With Yeltsin

By John F. Harris Washington Post Service

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weeks, letters -- from formal documents to the occasional handwritten fly across the Atlantic between the White House and the Kremlin. Less to push an expansion of the NATO frequently, about every six weeks, an alliance has not provoked the hostile issue will prompt either President Bill Clinton or President Boris Yeltsin to

personal diplomacy, resting on the ability of two leaders to understand one WASHINGTON - Once every few another's problems and needs, has become pivotal to the U.S.-Russia relationship. It is one reason, in the White House view, that Mr. Clinton's decision reaction in Moscow that many Russia experts predicted.

But if there really is a special Clinton-

whelming vote Thursday to amend the North Atlantic Treaty Organization agreement to admit three former Warsaw Pact members — his administration is facing criticism that it has

As U.S. officials tell it, this brand of Yeltsin rapport — a bond that pays div- allowed its relationship with Russia to idends in the larger relationship between fall into a season of drift. Mr. Clinton, the two nations — the United States over the argument goes, has devoted his time the next several months will be under particular pressure to prove it anew. to such things as expanding NATO, traveling in Africa and courting China in Even as Mr. Clinton celebrates a anticipation of his trip there next month political triumph — the Senate's over- but has let Russia slip from the central place it deserves in U.S. foreign policy. Adding to the distractions has been

Mr. Clinton's preoccupation with legal See ALLIES, Page 10

No Breakthrough Seen In Mideast Peace Effort Albright Adds a Second Round in London

LONDON — Citing significant gaps between Israel and the Palestinians on the next stage of the Middle East peace process, the United States said Monday that it was not optimistic that the dif-ferences could be bridged in talks being

held in London. The State Department spokesman, James Rubin, said: "Our optimism is not high based on the evidence that we've seen so far, but we are going to continue to work at it and we very much want these meetings to be decisive."

He spoke before the U.S. secretary of state, Madeleine Albright, began a second round of separate talks with Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu of Israel and Yasser Arafat, the Palestinian president. The talks were extended

Monday night. American and Palestinian officials said there was no sign of a breakthrough, but the fact that both Mr. Netanyahu and Mr. Arafat agreed to spend another night

in London raised hopes of progress. Mr. Rubin warned against expecting the meetings to end a deadlock that began 14 months ago when Israel broke ground for a housing project in an Arab section of East Jerusalem. Snicide bombings by Muslim mil-

itants deepened the crisis. "At this point we do not have compelling evidence that the meetings will yield a breakthrough," Mr. Rubin said. Mrs. Albright spent five hours Monday trying to persuade Mr. Netanyahu to accept U.S. proposals that diplomats said centered on handing over a further 13 percent of occupied West Bank land

to the Palestinians in exchange for

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tougher security measures. She then had a two-and-a-half-hour meeting with Mr. Arafat, who has already accepted the unpublished American plan.

Asked whether there had been any rogress, Mr. Arafat said on returning to his hotel: "Not yet."

Assailing the power of 'religious extremists,' the mayor of Tel Aviv will form a centrist party. Page 10.

Mr. Arafat declined to comment further, but the Palestinian planning and coordination minister, Nabil Shaath, said: "We have no indication at all that Mr. Netanyahu has accepted the U.S. proposal and we don't have any impression that Mrs. Albright is ready to give up on the U.S. proposal or change

Mr. Netanyahu said that he had a useful discussion with Mrs. Albright and that she now understood Israel's position better. But he made it clear that he intended to refer any territorial concessions to his fractious rightist coali-

"I can say for certain that there are specific decisions that can only be taken in Israel by the government and its ministers, and there are things that are important that we clear up here," he said.
"Our intention is to try to advance the peace process.'



Richard Holbrooke summing up the Cyprus talks at a press conference Monday in Nicosia.

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U.S. Fails to Revive Cyprus Talks

Turkish North's Strong Demands Scuttle Mission, Mediator Says

NICOSIA - The U.S. envoy Richard Holbrooke blamed the Turkish Cypriot community Monday for the failure of his mission to restart negotiations on reunification of the island.

Mr. Holbrooke said at a news conference that the Turkish Cypriot leader, Rauf Denktash, had insisted on recognition of his breakaway state in the north as a condition for resumption of UN-sponsored peace talks. Mr. Denktash also demanded cancellation of the European Union's membership talks with Cyprus, he said.
"This stand will make progress difficult," Mr.

Holbrooke said, adding that because of these conditions, "a meaningful exchange is not possible." In comments on Turkish state radio, Mr. Denktash said that in refusing to accept his demand, the Greek Cypriot side "approves and supports the division of

Cyprus.'

Mr. Holbrooke, who brokered the 1995 Dayton accords on Bosnia, left Cyprus after the news con-

During his three-day visit, he crossed the United

Nations buffer zone that divides the island a number of times for separate meetings with Mr. Denktash and the Greek Cypriot leader, President Glavkos Klerides. Mr. Klerides said he was disappointed that Mr. Holbrooke had not been more critical of both Mr.

Denktash and the Turkish government for making illogical demands." Cyprus has been divided into a Greek Cypriotcontrolled south and a Turkish-occupied north since a 1974 Turkish invasion, which followed an abortive coup by supporters of union with Greece. Mr. Den-

ktash's breakaway state in the north is recognized only

by Turkey, which maintains 35,000 troops there. Mr. Holbrooke said that Thomas Miller, the U.S. State Department's coordinator for Cyprus, who accompanied him on the trip, would return to Nicosia before the end of May to continue the American

He also noted that there had been no progress on the contentious issue of the Greek Cypriots' decision to

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Swiss Bank Settles 0	ne Holocaust Claim
NEW YORK (AP) A major Swiss	many as 40 000 other Holocaust sur-

bank has agreed to settle the claim of a vivors and relatives of victims, the at Holocaust survivor, in what her lawyer called a "historic breakthrough" in the fend over Jewish-owned accounts missing since World War II.

Payment of the claim by Estelle Sapir, 71, will remove her as lead plaintiff in a class-action suit that involves as

other Holocaust sur torney, Edward Fagan, said Monday. A spokesman for Credit Suisse, Ul rich Pfister, said the bank had "foun

indications that before the war Joseph Sapir had connections" with the bank confidential, Mr. Fagan said.

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Bitter Menace: A Shortage of Chocolate

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By Carol Kaesuk Yoon New York Times Service

NEW YORK - An unusual alliance of manufacturers and environmental groups has formed to try to prevent what for many people around the world would be a disaster of gigantic proportions: a shortage of chocolate.

For while the world's appetite for chocolate grows more voracious each year, cocoa farms around the globe are failing, under siege from fungal and viral diseases and insects.

For decades, cocoa farming has escaped such problems by moving to new areas in the tropics, even new countries Mars, Cadbury, Nestle and Hershev

But now they are running out of new forests to turn to. Researchers predict a shortfall in beans from the cacao tree, the raw material from which chocolate

is made, in as little as five to 10 years. There are fewer and fewer places in the world to plant cocoa, said Carol Knight, vice president of scientific affairs at the American Cocoa Research Institute, a nonprofit group that tracks cocoa bean supply. "We have to figure out how to grow it sustainably," he said.

Nobody wants to lose chocolate." To that end, representatives from the

or continents, where growers find more rain forest to establish cocoa farms. chocolate companies met with conservation groups last month at the Smithvation groups last month at the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institute in Panama to talk about strategies for sustainable farming. The Mars company paid for the meeting. Sustainability is a broad notion that

includes keeping farms partially forested to preserve biodiversity, farming without large doses of pesticides, fungicides or fertilizers, and replanting rather than abandoning farms.

For cocoa, researchers say, Sustainability will require a shift away from the large plantations carved out of the rain

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Chinese Celebrate a Centennial American-Style

Soldiers with the flag of the Communist Youth

celebrations of the university's founding.

League on Monday in Tiananmen Square during

Under communism. Beijing University was en-

gulfed in the anti-rightist campaign in 1957 and the

Cultural Revolution in 1966, when student Red

Guards seized control of the school. Nine years ago.

Beida students sparked the pro-democracy protests

in Tiananmen Square that rocked the government

before ending in a bloody crackdown by army

"Beida's legacy as a center of political protest has had a powerful impact not only on China's

students and political leaders, but also on the nation

at large." said Merle Goldman, a Boston University

professor of Chinese intellectual history. "As mem-

bers of this elite institution. Beida students feel a

responsibility, in the manner of their Confucian

predecessors, to participate in the political life of the

political participation, but rather the university's importance in cultivating skills to fuel the Chinese

To improve homegrown technology, China's

universities. Today the university is more proud of

its new \$38.6 million natural sciences building than

of its museum. More tribute is paid to the computer

science department, which runs its own profitable

programming company, than to the literature and

The school remains outward-looking, however.

both in classes and careers. In a theater class, the

reading list includes Moliere. Bertolt Brecht and

George Bernard Shaw. And in 1997, 17.4 percent of

students who graduated went abroad to study, up

from 13.9 percent in 1994. Among math and science

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Yet the official celebration did not emphasize

By Steven Mufson Washington Post Service

EUING - In an Americanstyle extravaganza unusual for China's normally staid institutions of higher learning. Beijing University marked its 100th anniversary over the weekend with drunken parties, somber symphonies, lectures, new commemorative stamps, the dedication of a \$10 million library, appeals for money and a roster of 140 visiting dignitaries from foreign universities, including Stanford and most of the Ivy League.

A train carrying alumni journeyed up from the southern city of Shenzhen. President Jiang Zemin was the centennial keynote speaker at the Great Hall of the People and 1 million electronic surfers have visited the university Web site (www.pku.edu.en) since Jan. 6. (On the Web site, the institution refers to itself by the old spelling of Peking University.)
The sky is the limit for this birthday

bash. Chen Jiansheng, an astrophysicist at Beijing Observatory, was to dub an asteroid discovered by his team. Peking University Asteroid. He has already sought approval from the International Committee for Naming Asteroids.

Just as peculiar as the slick Americanstyle college reunion is the notion that hina's current Communist leadership. which is obsessed with stability, would get involved in the centennial of a university that has often been at the forefront of political rebellion.

It is different from other Chinese universities in that it is more independent. said Chen Zhangliang, 37, the university's vice president. Beijing University students pay an enormous amount of attention to what happens outside the walls of this place."

As a result, anxious security forces pay attention to what happens inside the walls. The campus Sunday was crowded with plainclothes policemen toting walkie-talkies while uniformed police manned the gates

and watched from parked vans. Nevertheless, celebrations took on a festive air. Restaurants in the relatively prosperous Haidian district reported that all their tables had been booked weeks ago. On campus, thousands of old school friends mingled, exchanged business cards and re-

In one dining hall, 15 members of the biology department's Class of 1960 gathered for a simple meal of rice and vegetables to discuss the recent changes in China's history.

"Even a few years ago we wouldn't have been able to meet like this and chat about the past." said a 59-year-old biologist who now teaches at Jiaotong University in Shanghai.

One graduate said he met two classmates who were responsible for sending him to jail in the 1957 anti-rightist campaign. "They smiled like nothing happened." he said. "so I smiled, too."

Founded in 1898 by political reformers near the end of the Qing Dynasty. Beijing University, also biossomed after 1916 Yuanpei, an avid democrat who attended the University of Leipzig in Germany, became president. Under Mr. Cai. the university nurtured a political reform movement that championed Western science and democracy as remedies for China's corrupt and ineffectual republican government. The May 4 Movement took its name from student-led protests against Western imperialism that broke out that day in 1919.

In 1937, during the war against Japan, the university moved south, first to Changsha and then to Kunming, until 1946 when it returned to Beijing.

graduates, it was more than 50 percent, a campus newspaper reported.

In contemporary China with its unusual mix of Marxist rhetoric. Leninist politics, booming market economy and thirst for outside technology and investment, Beijing University's anniversary festivities are full of ironies.

Here, where as a youth Mao Zedong worked as an assistant librarian, the new library has been built thanks to the largess of Li Jiacheng, the Hong Kong tycoon who as a youth fled to the British territory to escape communism. Sir Run Run Shaw, who fled from Shanghai as the Communists advanced in the 1940s and runs the biggest movie studio in Hong

Kong, has ponied up 55 million for two of the new natural sciences buildings. Beijing University now gets only one-third of its budget from the government. One-third comes from industry and donations, and another third is provided by profits from the applications of discoveries made by the university staff, especially the computer science depart-

r. Chen, the university vice president and former chairman of Beida's biology department, said he has adapted ideas from the United States, where he was educated.

"First, you promote young scientists." Mr. Chen said, "push them to create, push them to the frontier.

Second, the relation between the university and industry is so close in the United States. That is very important to help university finances and help society by transferring discoveries from the university to the rest of the world."

Third, your system of donations is amazing," added Mr. Chen. who also serves as chairman of the board of Weimin Biotech Group.

Yet amid the pomp, parties and promotions, a largely unspoken issue hangs over the festivities: Can China's government cultivate a great university if it isn't completely

Colin Lucas, vice chancellor of Oxford University and one of the visiting academicians, asked: 'Is the university of the future to be judged by its ability to teach skills that are useful in the economy, or is it to be judged by its ability to transmit other skills such as the ability to separate the true from the

seemingly true?" Even as the university's past was being celebrated, large parts of its history are still suppressed. A centennial history book mentions Hu Shi, a philosopher who played a key role in simplifying the Chinese language and making education more accessible to common people, but neglects to say that he later fled to Taiwan. The Cultural Revolution, which damaged the university and crippled education for a decade, is summed up in a sentence no longer than one devoted to a 1997 chorus festival in Spain. There is no mention at all of the antirightist campaign that targeted many leading protessors nor of the university's role in the 1985

protests or the subsequent purge of the faculty. While the university claims to be open, the campus usually bars visitors; soldiers at the gates check student identification cards. The government refused to grant a visa to Perry Link, a China scholar at Princeton University, because of his political

Yet some foreign academics who frequently visit China say that the weekend celebrations and Mr. Jiang's visit to a student cafeteria last Thursday show a more open attitude toward independent

Europe

White House Denounces Republican's 'Doctoring' Of Hubbell Transcripts

By George Lardner Jr. Washington Past Service

WASHINGTON - The White House has joined House Democrats in a furious assault on Representative Dan Burton, accusing the Indiana Republican of doctoring transcripts of prison phone calls by the former associate at-torney general, Webster Hubbell, to exclude declarations of innocence about

matters still under investigation. Mr. Burton, the chairman of the Government Reform and Oversight Committee, shrugged off the accusations. saying, "Anyone who's investigated the president has been mercilessly at-

Mr. Burton and his staff released a 27page document last week containing por-tions of Mr. Hubbell's phone conver-sations with his wife and others. But the excerpts left out a statement by Mr. Hubbell that Hillary Rodham Clinton had "no idea" of billing irregularities at the Little Rock law firm where they both worked. Also deleted was an assertion by Mr. Hubbell that he was not being paid hush money to keep him from cooper-ating with the Whitewater inquiry by the independent counsel. Kenneth Start.

In a letter to Mr. Burton on Sunday. Representative Henry Waxman, the committee's ranking Democrat, complained that the excerpts Mr. Burton did make public were released to the press before they were given to the Democrats on the panel. The Californian said that the distortions Democrais discovered over the weekend were "unconscionable " and called for an immediate committee meeting to address the situation.

"You have unilaterally subpoenaed these tapes, unilaterally released them and apparently unilaterally altered the content to suit your purposes." he wrote. You act, in effect, as if the committee were your private playground."

President Bill Clinton's senior policy adviser, Rahm Emanuel, stepped up the rhetoric on one of the Sunday television talk shows, where partisan invective flowed heavily in both directions.

"I don't remember ever, in the history of the Congress, a chairman of a committee altering and doctoring and selectively putting out information that changes both the meaning and content of those rapes." Mr. Emanuel said on CNN. "And there is no doubt that the leadership of the Congress is now going to have to figure out what to do with the chairman and this committee." Mr. Burton was already under heavy

attack for using a derogatory term to describe Mr. Clinton in an interview with the Indianapolis Star and adding.

That's why I am after him.' He said Sunday that he had released the tapes people know that Mr. Hubbell and his wife were under pressure for him not to say certain things because she might lose her job" at the Interior Department.

In one conversation, Mr. Burton noted, Mr. Hubbell, who was in prison for embezzlement of nearly \$500,000 from his old law firm, told his wife. Suzanna, in response to her fears of unemployment: "Well, I guess I'll have to roll over one more time.

"That one statement is pretty telling." Mr. Burton said on NBC. "We

have 150 hours of tape. We tried to condense it down so that it would be easily understandable.*

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But he said he was willing to make all 150 hours public if Mr. Hubbell and the White House consented.

Mr. Hubbell's lawyer. John Nields.

quickly rejected the offer on another television show. These are confidential, private, protected-by-law conversations, he said on ABC.

Mr. Nields also disputed Mr. Burton's

interpretation of a conversation the lawver had with his client Oct. 23, 1996 At one point, Mr. Nields told Mr.

Hubbell that "there is some chance that the day after Election Day they will make a move that moots everything. And I don't want to discourage it." Mr. Burton said that this meant "they

thought the president might pardon Webb Hubbell right after the election and get him off the hook." Mr. Nields said the remarks had 'ab-

solutely nothing to do with a pardon" but dealt instead with "immunity granted by the independent counsel, which I was hopeful we would get right after the election and we did." Telephone conversations of federal

rison inmates are routinely taped to try to ensure that no prisoners engage in illegal activities, but they are rarely made public — usually only in the context of court trials. Notices of the monitoring are posted on prison phones and some of the excerpts made public by Mr. Burton show that Mr. Hubbell was aware of the surveillance.

Mr. Burton suggested that Mr. Hubbell's statements suggesting his own innocence and that of others, including the first lady, were self-serving asides.

TRAVEL UPDATE

Denmark Low on Fuel

COPENHAGEN (AP) - Fuel shortages were severe Monday as Denmark entered the second week of a nationwide general strike, raising fears that food eliveries to stores could soon halt.

Copenhagen's international airport was virtually closed, with only small planes allowed to land. .

Bus service in the country's thirdlargest city, Odense, was halted Sunday, and road traffic was down to about a third of its usual level in Copenhagen. Taxis in the capital were on the verge of running out of gasoline, Danish radio

Air France Pilot Strike

PARIS (AP) - Three small pilots strike against Air France for Wednesday. The airline said the work stoppage would affect some domestic and European flights. Air France said the three unions rep-

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Local rail service in Italy is likely to be disrupted by a seven-hour engineers strike starting at 10 A.M. on Tuesday. but some international and intercity services will be maintained, the national rail authority said Monday. (AFP)

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Vatican Populism: Pope's Army Gets **Commoner Chief**

The Associated Press VATICAN CITY --- After a long search, the Pope's army finally has a new com-

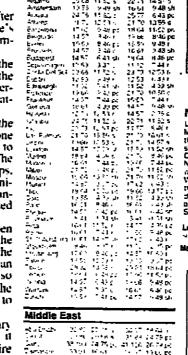
mander. John Paul II promoted the second-in-command of the Swiss Guards, Alois Estermann, to the top spot, the Vatican said Monday.

An 18-year veteran of the force, Mr. Estermann is one of the few non-noblemen to head the Swiss Guards. The elite. 100-member corps. known for its colorful uniterms designed by Michelangelo, is traditionally headed b∖ a noble.

The job had been open since the retirement of the previous commander at the end of October. The Vatican has never said why it took so long, but the reason was the job's low pay, according to Vatican circles.

Mr. Estermann's salary was not made public, but it reportedly is 4 million lire \$2,300) a month.

The officer was present during the May 1981 assassination attempt on the pope in St. Peter's Square. After Mehmet Alı Agca fired shois. Mr. Estermann sought to shield the Pope.



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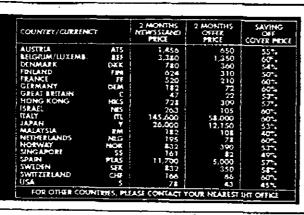
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For Now, Governor Bush Is Thinking Re-election

By Dan Balz

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DALLAS - Wherever he goes, Governor George Bush of Texas wants to talk about his education agenda and a second term in the governor's mansion. But his audiences want to know

about the presidency.
It happened here in Dallas the other day, when the governor addressed the Newspaper Association of America, an organization of publishers whose editorial endorsements in 2000 might be handy to anyone interested in the White House. Mr. Bush, 51, offered a spirited description of his

education program, then agreed to take a few questions. Question One: "Have you talked to your mother about the next presidential race?"

The governor, self-deprecating and noncommit-tal, said Barbara Bush, former first lady, had told him to "stay home and do the job you were elected

"The truth is, I don't know whether or not I'm going to run for the presidency and won't know for quite u while," Mr. Bush added. "That's just something Texas voters will have to factor into

Six months before the November polls, Mr. Bush appears to be cruising toward re-election. But merely becoming the first governor in the state's history to win consecutive four-year terms is not enough for the competitive son of former President George Bush.
"I want to win and I want to win big." he said in

a recent interview Governor Bush has much to prove with his reelection campaign beyond winning a second term. Republicans and Democrats around the country

will be looking at the size of his victory margin and the length of his contrails, as well as the clarity and sound like a governor." Conscious of where the sophistication of his message, as they measure him for a possible presidential campaign.

He faces a political balancing act as he looks toward November. Mr. Bush hopes to stoke Republican turnout in hopes of pulling off a historic weep by the party of the statewide constitutional offices even as he projects himself as a champion of bipartisanship who works comfortably with Demo-

crats in the legislature.

Mr. Bush is trying to demonstrate that a Republican candidate can reach out to moderate. swing voters without infuriating conservative activists who dominate his party. That effort un-derscores the current state of the Republican Party nationally, which is dominated by grass-roots conservatives but has seen its grip on the center of the

electorate erode. The unanswered question about Mr. Bush is whether he represents a return to the kinder, gentler conservatism of his father that often infuriated the party's right wing or a new hybrid that reflects the ideological changes within the party without losing sight of the middle of the electorate.

As Paul Burka, a writer for Texas Monthly, put it: "What's he for? What's his agenda? What does this agenda tell us about how he will run for national office?"

Mr. Bush bristles at suggestions that, in putting together his agenda, he has borrowed from President Bill Clinton's centrist, small-bore playbook, and yet the governor emphasizes the same kinds of issues. from reading and educational standards to keeping guns out of the hands of teenage gang members. He chalked up Mr. Clinton's domestic policy

balance of power rests inside his parry, he said of his own agenda. "I don't think this is playing closer to the center."

Recently, Mr. Bush was in Longview, Texas, to pick up the endorsement of a group of East Texas sheriffs. Most of them were Democrats, and Mr. Bush noted that their support symbolized the political evolution of the state and his bipartisan style of governing. The sheriffs were arrayed behind Mr. Bush in a classic campaign photo op, most of them wearing white cowboy hats, boots and pistols on their belts. If ever a political event cried out for a

tough anti-crime message, this was it. But when the inevitable question came from a reporter about the governor's plans for addressing crime. Mr. Bush offered up an answer rarely heard in Republican circles. "The best crime bill," he

said. "is to teach every child to read." Answers like this sometimes make Mr. Bush sound like a Republican Clinton, and his campaign ads trumpet the same values of "opportunity" and "responsibility" that were hallmarks of Mr. Clinton's presidential campaigns.

But Mark McKinnon, who worked for Democrats

before joining the Bush campaign this year as media consultant, said that while Mr. Bush and Mr. Clinton use similar themes, he noted that there is a "much heavier moral tone in what Bush is saying."

Morality is a theme Mr. Bush often uses in his speeches, both in Texas and on his limited forays outside the state. As he put it in a speech at Texas A&M University last month, "It is clear today's challenge lies not so much outside of our borders as inside of our own souls,"



UNABOMBER SENTENCED — Theodore Kaczynski entering court in Sacramento, where he by many as 200 people outreceived four life terms Monday. He showed no side a party. Three students remorse and called the case "clearly political." were arrested. (AP)

Away From Politics

• A New Jersey National Guard soldier was killed and five others were injured when lightning struck their tents during a training ex-ercise at Fort Dix. New Jer-

• The maker of Viagra, the anti-impotency drug, has signed a deal with R. P. Scherer Corp. to develop a wafer that could dissolve in the mouth in seconds, which would let patients take the drug only minutes - instead of an hour - before sex. But Pfizer cautioned that any new form of Viagra was years away. (AP) was years away.

 Police defended their use of tear gas and water hoses to quell a five-hour riot near Washington State University that sent 23 officers and several students to the hospital in Pullman. The disturbance started when the police went to investigate a car accident and were met

POLITICAL NOTES

Republicans Push Tax Revolt

WASHINGTON — The taxpayer abuse hearings that Senate Republicans held last week were designed to show that the Internal Revenue Service is out of control. And with tales of tax agents in flak jackets storming houses and forcing teenage girls to change their clothes at gunpoint not leavened by any testimony from the accused IRS agents, the case seemed overwhelming.

But the hearings were just another step in a much larger strategy by Republicans in Congress who have vowed to replace the income tax system with a new tax code.

The Republicans want nothing less than "to pull the current income tax code out by its roots and throw it away so it can never grow back," Representative Bill Archer regularly tells audiences. Mr. Archer is chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, where tax bills originate.

In March, Senator Tim Hutchinson, Republican of Arkansas, introduced a bill, which quickly found many cosponsors, that would repeal the Internal Revenue Code beginning in 2002. The Republicans want to eliminate taxes on capital gains, dividends, rents, royalties and interest. Doing so, they say, would bolster savings and investment and help the economy. Opponents say eliminating such taxes would mainly benefit the wealthy.

An Oklahoma 'Stealth' Plot?

WASHINGTON - The contest for the 3d Congressional District of Oklahoma, considered one of the most important House races in the country, has erupted into partisan feuding, with Democrats accusing Republicans of conspiring to front a Democratic "stealth" candidate

who would promptly switch parties after the election. Representative Wes Watkins represented the predominantly Democratic district for 14 years as a Democrat. switched parties in 1996, and was easily elected as a Republican, Last week, Mr. Watkins announced he would not seek re-election for health and family reasons, giving Democrats new hope that the seat can be returned to the left side of the aisle.

in the past week, several Democrats have announced their candidacy or expressed interest in the seat. But no Republicans have come forward, fueling talk that the Republican Party and Mr. Watkins have figured out

another way to skin this cat.

'Can I prove it in a court of law? No,' said the state
Democratic chairman, Robert Kerr 3d. 'But every bit of my experience tells me I am right." Leslie Belcher, a spokeswoman for Mr. Watkins, said that the charge was "laughable." (WP)

Quote/Unquote

Michael McCurry, President Bill Clinton's spokesman, on a report that he will leave the White House for some part-time public relations work at Powell Tate along with an academic position at his alma mater, Princeton University: "That would be news to Powell, news to Princeton and news to me." (WP)

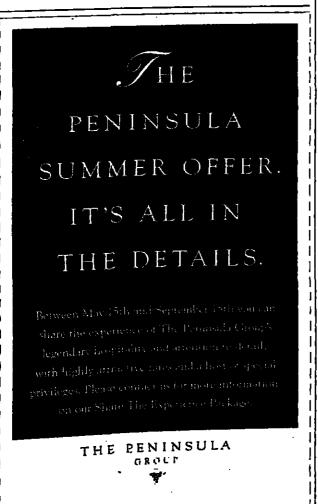
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New York Times Service

LAGOS - Every school day begins with songs in the suburban Lagos elementary school classroom of Eniola Akinosho, who leads her tentative-sounding pupils through a collection of happy jingles to build their confidence before moving on to trickier matters like spelling and

"Répétez après moi," Miss Akinosho, 42, a teacher at the Ikafo International School in the Lagos suburb of Agege, says, smiling as she points to pictures of common objects that she is teaching her students to identify. "Le stylo, le

vocabulary that she was teaching — the words for pen, pants, shirt and book — is part of a crash stantly getting smaller, and people must find effort declared by the government to make this ways to open up to their neighbors."

As with most things in a country ruled by a

stern military dictatorship, the new language policy was decreed from on high. Nigeria is resolutely launching a program of

national language training that will, in short order, permit our country to become thoroughly bilingual," the president of Nigeria, General Sani Abacha, said in a surprise announcement in December in a speech before the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs.

Ever since, schools have been scrambling to find qualified French speakers to teach the 18 million primary and 5 million secondary students.

pantalon, la chemise, le livre."

"This is all part of preparing Nigeria for the Drills like this take place every day in schools all over the world, of course. But what makes Miss all over the world, of course. But what makes Miss Akinosho's class remarkable is that the French fresh from his morning French lesson when a worshulary that the was teaching. reporter called at his office. "The world is con-

from neighboring countries and Westerners who do business here, skepticism abounds.

Few, for example, say they can imagine how the country's education system - once one of Africa's best, but now in a state of advanced decay could manage the kind of colossal effort required to make even a modest dent in the linguistic habits of a population so large. By one calculation, Nigeria has about 3,000 teachers capable of French instruction, or only 1 for every 266 students.

And almost everyone wonders how the pushy giant of this region, a nation that has always condescended toward the small French-speaking countries that encircle it - and has always been regarded with abiding suspicion by them could have come to such a change of heart.

"Even if it begins to amount to something, which is doubtful, very few people in this region are likely to be seduced by this move," said a senior diplomat from a neighboring French-

place in the world.'

Seen from this perspective, and it is a commonly held one, the general's decree is part of an effort to ease international pressure on an isolated and ostracized military government, to reward friends and punish critics and, most of all, to remind any who might have forgotten that oil-rich and populous Nigeria does and will always count.

ludged by these criteria, the language policy has already proved something of a success. Unwelcome in the West because of his government's poor human rights record, General Abacha was nonetheless granted a one-on-one meeting with President Jacques Chirac of France at a French-African summit meeting in Burkina Faso in December.

France has long been seen by Nigeria as its major rival for influence in West Africa, and Nigeria has traditionally ridiculed former French colonies for an almost servile attachment to Paris.

For all of the progressive resonance in explanations like these, among Nigerians, Africans to do with us, and everything to do with Nigeria's from neighboring countries and Westersam who hand that General Abacha has been playing International oil executives say that the Nigerian government, smarting from limited economic sanctions pushed mainly by the United States and Britain, has also begun rewarding lucrative contracts to French oil companies.

But for Paris, General Abacha's sudden love of French may prove an even more powerful draw than business interests. France is still smoldering over recent decisions by Algeria, Rwanda and Congo to downgrade French from the status of national language or make it share the honors with English. Congo, formerly known as Zaire, is the world's second most populous French-speaking country, after France itself, and as such is a key to France's cultural and political project of drawing French speakers together under its leadership.

Nigeria dwarfs Congo in population and is roughly twice as populous as France, making its

long-hidden author of the erotic best-

seller "The Story of O," died April 26.

under the pseudonym Pauline Reage.
The story of O's sadomasochistic handling at the hands of her lover

Over the years, however, the book

sold millions of copies and was trans-

lated into about 20 languages. In 1955,

the book won the Deux-Magots prize, an

New York Times Service

Bassett, 82, a prominent figure in Ca-

nadian journalism, politics and sports for

more than 40 years, died April 27 in

on Broadcasting Inc., which controls

CTV, Canada's largest private television

network. At one time, he also owned

large stakes in the Toronto hockey and

Marvin Worth, 72, a prolific writer

and producer whose film credits ranged

from black comedy ("Where's

Poppa?'') to documentary biography ("Lenny" and "Malcolm X"), died of

Lou Cioffi, 72, a broadcast journalist

who covered the Korean War in the

1950s, the Vietnam War in the 1960s

and the hostage crisis in Iran in the

cancer Saturday at his home in New

Fault in Power Line

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lung cancer April 22 in Los Angeles.

football teams.

Mr. Bassett was the chairman of Bat-

NEW YORK - John White Hughes

John W.H. Bassett, 82, Figure

In Canadian Sports and TV

important French literary award.

Mexico Tests Democracy, **Starting With a Tricolor**

By Molly Moore
Washington Post Service

MEXICO CITY - Democracy in symbol. Mexico has come to this: a knock-down, insult-slinging, reputation-bashing fight over flag colors.

governing political organization — the Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI - has hoarded the national colors as its own, barring opponents from using the green, white and red of the flag on campaign banners, stickers or placards.

Now, opposition parties have won enough political clouf to wage war over the national banner. In one of the most raucous legislative sessions since opposition parties claimed a majority in the lower house of Congress last summer, the Chamber of Deputies voted Thurs-day to ban any political party from using the national colors as its own.

Deputies Vote to Decolorize the PRI," a headline blared the next morning. "Opposition Breaks the Myth of the Untouchable Colors.

For the growing voices of opposition, nothing symbolizes the governing party's abuse of power more than its control of the national colors. In a nation with a large illiterate population, voters Manipulators!" opposition party memtraditionally have used a party's colors bers screamed during the debate. to match their votes to the party's candidates on the ballot.

nation's official colors only served to and 224 PRI members opposed. reinforce the image of a ruling party and a government that have been virtually in-distinguishable for most of this century. Democratic Revolutionary Party deputy, Jose Luis Gutierrez, declared it

deputy representing the Democratic PRI countered, "It's a fiasco!"

PARIS - French authorities hid the

true scope of repression after Algerian

demonstrators in Paris were beaten, shot

Revolutionary Party, a left-center party, which uses a black Aztec-style sun against a yellow backdrop as its party

An Institutional Revolutionary Party deputy from Veracruz state, Fidel Her-rera Beltran, said: "They want to wipe For nearly seven decades, Mexico's out the colors as if symbolically they were getting rid of our party."

Although the opposition-supported law is likely to be voted down in the Senate, which is still controlled by the governing party, a National Action Party eputy, Francisco Paoli Bolio, warned: One day the Senate will also be plural and democratic."

The power of the governing party, which has been battered by revelations of corruption and political abuses, has eroded in recent years as increasing numbers of opposition politicians won statehouses and local elections. This past week's legislative debate

exemplified many of the characteristics of a multivoiced democracy. Deputies hurled insults across the chamber floor, governing party members waved tricolor placards and delegations burst into chants to try and drown out the speeches of opposing colleagues.

Usurpers! Traitors to the country!

The vote split straight down party lines, with the 244 members of the op-Opponents say the PRI's use of the position parties in favor of the new law,

When the vote had been tallied, a "The time has come to tear down the "an act of justice and patriotic vin-monopoly," said Pablo Gomez, a dication." Mr. Herrera Beltran of the



CARPE DIEM - Streamers in the shape of colorful carp decorating the small mountain town of Mamba, eastern Japan. on Monday in anticipation of national Children's Day on Tuesday.

Gojko Susak, 53, Is Dead; Croatian Defense Minister

The Associated Press

ZAGREB, Croatia - Defense Minister Gojko Susak, 53, a devoted supporter of Croatian independence, died for the novel when it appeared in 1954 Sunday, the state-run HINA news

agency reported. A tough nationalist, Mr. Susak none-theless became a useful ally of the shocked a large part of French society. United States as it sought to end the Bosnian war. He had been treated for lung cancer in 1995 at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, and underwent surgery at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston in 1997.

As defense minister from 1991, Mr. Susak led Croatia's fight against the Serbian rebellion that temporarily left a third of Croatia in Serbian hands before the 1995 Croatian Army offensive that defeated them.

A native of the Croat-dominated region of Herzegovina in southwestern Bosnia, he favored close ties between Bosnian Croats and Croatia proper. He moved away from the idea of annexing territories inhabited by Bosnian Croats because of pressure from the United States and its allies.

His defense portfolio passes to his deputy, Colonel General Kresimir Cosic. Maria Torok, 72, Psychoanalyst Who Rejected Freud's Theories

New York Times Service NEW YORK - Maria Torok, 72, a psychoanalyst in France whose rejection of Freud's ideas was welcomed in feminist circles and whose methods for confronting pain and trauma drew many Holocaust survivors to her offices in Paris, died March 25 at New York Uni- 1980s, died of complications from liver

versity Medical Center in Manhattan. The cause of death was complications husband and a professor of French lit-

erature at the University of Wisconsin. Miss Torok's work, much of it published with Nicolas Abraham, her main collaborator, rejected most of Freud's core ideas, said Dr. Nelly Furman, a professor of French at Cornell University, "She focused on the uniqueness of individuals and how they can overcome

ological psychology, which emphasized the person's experiences as the basis for

Dominique Aury, 90, Author Of French Erotic Best-Seller

The Associated Press

PARIS - Dominique Aury, 90, the

seems particularly vulnerable to pests. Walter Rodriguez, president of a co-

pods, harvests this year will be half what they were just a few years ago because of a fungal disease called witches'-broom.

Tony Lass, an expert on cocoa cul-tivation at the British chocolate maker

Cadbury Ltd., said that a new species of

black pod disease had evolved and quickly spread to the border of the Ivory Coast, the world's largest cocoa pro-

ducer. "It's now sitting on the frontier,"
Mr. Lass said, "where a million tons of

Once disease strikes, trees not only

produce fewer beans but beans of less

reliable quality and, some say, poorer flavor. In hopes of increasing produc-

tion, some farmers, like those in Malay-

sia, have planted hundreds of acres of trees on cleared land, but the trees, bereft

of shade from taller trees, appear to be far

more vulnerable to diseases and pests.

Plantation farming is also inefficient.
Mr. Lass said. "You try to do the uniform thing to trees, like spraying on a schedule.

and you end up costing yourself money. Not every tree needs that treatment."

trial scientist and director of interna-

tional environmental programs at M&M/Mars, "the small farmers with a

couple of acres of land know each tree

like a dairy farmer knows each cow's

As a result, there is an emerging con-

sensus among chocolate makers and re-

searchers that the future of cocoa beans

lies with small farmers on more shaded.

forested, intensively tended land.

performance and what works when."

By contrast, said John Lunde, indus-

cocoa a year is under threat."

A spokesman for the Zimbabwe Electricity Supply Authority said the blackout was caused by a major fault on the line from Mozambi-que's Cahora Bassa hydroelectric

installation The central business district of

Harare received power after about four hours.

Into Tanzania River

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania— At least 70 people were killed after an overloaded bus plunged into a flooded river at Mucheza, northeast of here, police said here Monday.

bus, carrying more than 100 passengers, plunged into the river on Sunday after the driver missed a bridge that was submerged by

rain, the Dar es Salaam regional police commander, Alfred Gewe, said Monday.

ico - Most of the Indians arrested released, the authorities said.

community Friday,

Mr. Montoya said eight Guatemalans, who were also seized during the operation, were handed over to immigration authorities. (Reuters)

a call by their country's National Libnames of 25 people killed around the eration Front, were demonstrating in time of the crackdown were published.

and thrown into the Seine during a protest in 1961, according to an official study that was made public Monday. The Interior Ministry study was compiled from police records and said that of a handful — probably died on Oct. 17, 1961. At the time, France was fighting an independence war in Aloesia.

an independence war in Algeria.

Up to 25,000 Algerians, responding to

Paris to protest a curfew on their com-

The study said authorities "could not rule out" that they, and others, were also victims of the crackdown.

Some historians say at least 200 people were killed. The Algerian resistance said that as many as 300 died.

Officially, 136 Algerians were injured, but the study said the real figure was "far

ficers' bludgeons were damaged, sug-gesting excessive use of force.

Algerian security forces killed 77 sus-

INDONESIA: Prices of Staples Are Raised security forces on several occasions. Protesters have hurled rocks and fire

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in July. Traffic was snarled Monday in the capital, Jakarta, as motorists lined up to fill their tanks at the old prices. 'The government shouldn't increase

the price of gas right now because the situation is already difficult for us," said Kartono, a 42-year-old driver of a motorcycle taxi, as he waited in a line more than a kilometer long. "But as a small person I have no choice." Kerosene, which is used for cooking,

will cost 25 percent more. Mere rumors of increases in cooking oil prices set off riots in January. Bus fares are to rise by about two-thirds and rail prices will almost double. Electricity costs will go up most widespread and enduring since Mr. Suharto came to power 32 years ago. The fall of the currency, the rupiah, last an average 20 percent. summer led to an economic crisis that

The price increases will likely fuel inflation, which hit a 23-year high of 39 percent in March. That could mean higher costs for retail and manufacturing, ism that were tolerated as long as the which have already been hard hit by the economic crisis. More than 8 million hardships have aggravated seething people have lost their jobs since last frustration over Mr. Subarto's authorsummer and millions more are expected to be out of work by next year.

Officials also announced that a monopoly run by one of President Suharto's sons had been dismantled in line with the terms of the IMF bailout agreement. The remaining assets of the Clove Marketing & Buffer Stock Agency were transferred to a group of village cooperatives. Cloves are used to make Indonesian cigarettes.

The monopoly came to represent the corruption and cronvism that have characterized Mr. Subarto's rule. His children control several lucrative businesses in Indonesia that have helped the family amass billions of dollars. The government's reluctance to dismantle monopolies helped lead the IMF to suspend payment of its bailout funds in March.

in his warning to protesters, General Wiranto singled out Medan, on the island of Sumatra, which has been the scene of violent protests against the Suharto government for the past two weeks. University officials closed two campuses after students clashed with talks said.

French authorities at the time said that

The study said that Maurice Papon, three persons died. The death toll was

bombs at military police, who responded

with tear gas and rubber bullets. A small

[The police fired tear gas Monday at rock-throwing protesters on campuses in Medan and Palu, The Associated Press reported. At least 30 students were in-

jured in Palu and dozens were treated for

tear-gas inhalation at Medan, the official

Antara news agency reported. Several

officers were also injured, it said. Peaceful rallies were held in Jakarta,

The demonstrations, which began two

months ago across the country, are the

has laid bare the corruption and nepot-

standard of living improved. The recent

itarian rule in a country whose 200 mil-

representation in government.

lion people have virtually no popular

Yogyakarta and other cities.}

riot crupted Saturday.

who was Paris's police chief at the time and who was convicted this year of crimes against humanity during World War II, issued a memo saying that flagrant offenders "should be shot on sight."

later given as seven. "It's clear that this demonstration led to very harsh repression," the study said of the events a year before Algerians won their independence.

French Admit Hiding Algerians' Toll in 1961 Protest in Paris

No exact death toll was given, but the

Genetic Tests Prove

Body Is Bormann's

Agence France-Presse

BONN - Genetic tests on re-

mains found in Berlin in 1972 have

proven that they are those of Martin Bormann, Hitler's secretary and ad-

viser, according to German press

reports.
The tests, using DNA samples provided by Mr. Bormann's children, eliminated any chance that he

survived the fall of Berlin in 1945,

Der Spiegel and Welt am Sonntag said. The Frankfurt prosecutor's of-

fice ordered the tests even though it

said it already was 100 percent cer-

tain from dental evidence that a

skeleton found in Berlin was Mr.

He disappeared after Hitler's sui-cide in 1945 and was tried in absentia

at the Nuremberg tribunal, which

Unconfirmed reports said that he

sentenced him to death in 1946.

had escaped to Latin America.

Police reports showed that most of-

■ 88 Reported Killed in Algeria

pected Islamic militants in a four-day period last week, but armed groups slit the throats of 11 civilians, newspapers and witnesses reported Monday, according to The Associated Press.

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forest to the smaller farms where cacao coa-growing cooperative of small farm-trees are grown in the shade of larger ers in Costa Rica, said that in Costa Rica, trees. Plantation trees, exposed to the sun, require more fertilizer, fungicide and pesticide, and are at greater risk of the spread of pests and disease. Plantation trees, exposed to the fungus monilia has been a devastating problem. "In 1978, '79, when monilia came,' he said, "the trees remained but the harvest disappeared. As a the spread of pests and disease. Final tations fail when the cost of maintaining them becomes prohibitive.

In West Africa, black pod disease, a

how best to grow the trees.

sugar and milk to produce chocolate.

Welt am Sonntag said the remains would be cremated and the But for reasons that researchers say they do not yet understand, the cacao tree ashes scattered at sea.

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deploy Russian-made S-300 anti-aircraft missiles this summer.

Turkey has threatened to take action to prevent the missiles from being deployed. Greece has warned that it would come to the aid of Cyprus in the event of a Turkish attack, raising the specter of a military clash between the two countries. Both are members of the NATO alliance.

■ 'Deal-Breaker' Was EU Issue

Kelly Couturier of The Washington Post reported from Nicosia:

The Turkish side's demand that the EU application be withdrawn was the have been hardening their stance on "deal-breaker." a source close to the Cyprus settlement negotiations ever

for Cyprus to withdraw its application, but for the EU to make Turkey a can-

to leave Turkey, a longtime aspiring member, off its short list of candidates. U.S. officials said they feared that this move would push Turkey and the Turkish Cypriots toward a harder line on Cyprus and other Greek-Turkish disputes. At the same December meeting, the European Union decided to begin talks with Cyprus

on joining the EU. Mr. Denktash and his Turkish ally since, as U.S. officials predicted. The provocative and dangerous ways.

"The answer to the EU problem is not Turkish side formalized that stance during this past weekend's talks.

didate as well," Mr. Holbrooke said.

Washington has been critical of the European Union's decision in December

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Washington has been critical of the problem to a critical point.

Cyprus problem can't be fixed any more," the diplomat said.

CYPRUS: Turkish North's Demands Scuttle Mission, U.S. Says

BEANS: Forestalling a Cocoa Shortage

A shift away from plantations could cousin of potato blight, can cause losses prove a boon to small farmers and also of up to 80 percent of the crop in a wet help preserve rainforests and the many year. Experts predict that in Bahia, an area plant and animal species that appear to of Brazil that has had annual productions flourish in the natural environment of a of hundreds of thousands of tons of cocoa cocoa grove. But the task of designing the small-scale cocoa farm of the future is daunting because little is known about

The cacao tree evolved in the New World tropics under the shade of tailer rain forest trees. After six years or so, the slow growing tree produces fruit, large pods about the size and shape of a small football that contain about 40 cocoa beans, each the size of a lima bean. They can be roasted, ground and mixed with

Analysts said that the EU decisions

"We are in a defining moment," a Western diplomat said.

If Mr. Holbrooke's current effort 'doesn't yield positive results, we may well have reached a point where the

Mr. Holbrooke's mediation efforts are part of a concerted U.S. effort to reduce tensions between Greece and Turkey. which, as a U.S. official put it, have been "squabbling with each other in unseemly,

psychic pain," Dr. Furman said. Working in Paris from 1956 to 1996, Miss Torok led a seminar in phenomen-

HARARE. Zimbabwe — Zimbabwe was plunged into chaos Monday by a nationwide blackout when a line fault cut power imports from Mozambique and South Africa, officials said.

City streets were snarled as traffic lights failed, people were stuck in elevators around the country, many factories halted work and shops operated by candlelight.

70 Die as Bus Dives

The Tanga regional police com-mander, Alfred Tibuigana, said the floodwaters.

The bus was traveling from Tanga to Dar es Salaam. Meanwhile, two women and two children drowned here Sunday after they were swept away by floods following two days of continuous

45 Chiapas Indians Released by Police

AMPARO AGUATINTA, Mexin a raid on a rebel community in Chiapas late last week have been

The deputy prosecutor of Chiapas, Eduardo Montoya Lievano, said authorities freed 45 of 53 Zapatista sympathizers held after the police and troops broke up the

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Spain Tries to Limit Damage at European Marvel By Richard Boudreaux Los Angeles Times Service

VILLAFRANCO DEL GUADALQUIVIR. Spain - As storks, egrets and herons swoop over glassy wetlands stretching as far as the eye can see, Jose Antonio Ramos and his fishing buddy, Pedro Reyes, are at the Guadiamar River by daybreak, it would be an idyllic

outing but for the carnage at their feet.
Wearing gas masks and yellow rubber gloves, the two men walk upstream along the muddy bank gathering the carcasses of fish, crabs, frogs and eels still dying from a toxic spill that threatens Europe's largest nature

Hours after the rupture of a mining compuny reservoir sent a wall of metal-tainted flow of toxins - lead, zinc, arsenic, cyanide liquids into the river April 25. Spanish engineers threw up sand-and-dirt dikes to divert the flow around the 74,000-hectare (185,000acre) Donana National Park, a mecca for bird watchers from around the world.

Now, hundreds of park workers and volunteers have been mobilized to a second line of defense here on the sanctuary's outskirts. Their task is to scoop up dead creatures from

he blackened river valley before the birds do. The frantic effort has jolted Spain from what environmentalists call official laxity in dealing with threats to nature. As a belated cleanup began this weekend, the ecological crisis was being described as the country's worst because it could spell incalculable losses not only to farmland and human health but to 40,000 species of migratory birds.

Nearly 5.5 million cubic meters (7 million cubic yards) of waste water rushed through a 45-meter breach in a collapsing reservoir wall, enough to fill more than 1,500 Olympicsize swimming pools. That made it one of the largest toxic spills from any mining reservoir in recent years.

Spanish government officials say a seventon layer of toxic mud now covers 3,600 hectares of rural land, including rice paddies. totton fields, olive orchards and cattle paslear alone at \$10 million, spread mainly mong 2,000 small farmers in one of Spain's oorest regions.

"The polluted water has been more or less Introlled, but now there is a natural channel if toxicity into the national park through the pirds themselves," said Alejandro Sanchez, lirector of the Spanish Ornithology Society.

They are being attracted to the new mud with all its dead fish and frogs and crabs." he aid. "Yet each one of these is a piece of poison. A chain of toxicity will build up in the park. It's very likely that many species will be affected in the next week or two."

Working in pairs from dawn to dusk, the masked men of the marshes clear as much of the contaminated 40-kilometer (25-mile) stretch as they can each day. The area, just west of Seville in southwestern Spain, echoes with shotgun fire as the cleanup crews try to scare birds away from the poisoned fish.

So far, the workers have collected 20 tons of fish carcasses, but new ones turn up daily. Trophe of historic proportions."

In addition, environmental workers say they have picked up several dead birds and recovered 715 eggs from 23 nests abandoned along the poisoned riverbank. On Saturday, a cleanup man found a coot stuck in fouled mud. laid him gently in an open garbage bag and stood on the river road begging a ride to any shelter that could save the bird.

Toxins passed from fish to birds are not the only hazard. Unknown quantities of poison have filtered into the ground and may be seeping via subterranean streams into the park's subsoil, environmentalists say. Meanwhile, the diversion of the polluted Guadiamar deprives the park's delicate marshes, for his

and sand dunes of their main water a , ty. Also, specialists warn that an unchecked and other heavy metals from the mine reservoir - could make its way from the soil into crops, contaminating the food chain and raising the risk of cancer and neurological diseases in humans.

The repercussions of this spill will last for eternity over thousands of hectares," said Angel Martin Munico, president of Spain's Royal Academy of Exact, Physical and Natural Sciences.

The disaster came suddenly.

Boliden Ltd., the Canadian-Swedish company that owns the mine, has claimed that a 'seismic shift' caused the reservoir wall's suduen collapse, although a local geological institute said it recorded no earth movements. The company has agreed to pay for the cleanup and compensate farmers for their losses - a figure that may be determined in court.

Demonized along with the company, Spanish authorities have been criticized at every turn for their handling of the mess. Spanish newspapers question why toxic waste is stored so close to a nature preserve and why nothing was fixed after a fired Boliden engineer reported fissures and toxic leaks in the reservoir wall three years ago.

'Compared with the rest of Western Europe. Spain has been slow to industrialize lures. They estimate commercial losses this and slow to value its environment," said Juan Lopez, a Spanish agronomist who works for Greenpeace. 'This reservoir was built in the late 1970s, when people's political awareness was very low. Even today, Spain is not so crowded and has a lot of nice wilderness. Until this spill, there was no sense of alarm about losing any of it."

For five days after the spill, the conservative government in Madrid and the Socialist regional authority in Seville quarreled over who was to blame and what to do about it. At one point, regional authorities refused to help when a makeshift federal dike set up to divert the poisoned Guadiamar into the larger Guadalquivir River and out to sea collapsed.

Under sharp public criticism, the two sides stopped feuding and began a joint cleanup Sunday, sending 25 earthmovers and trucks to start clearing away contaminated mud. Less than a week after declaring the national park safe, the environment minister. Isabel Tocino, was calling the spill "an ecological catas-

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Chechnya Investigates Kidnapping

MOSCOW -- President Boris Yeltsin's envoy to Chechnya was kidnapped by the same people who abducted a prominent Russian television correspondent and other journalists, Chechen investigators said Monday, indicating progress in their investigation. 'The three crimes were committed in practically the same location,' said

Supyan Akhmadov, chief investigator in Chechnya's anti-abduction de-

"In each case, the groups traveled without bodyguards, despite orders not to do so." he told the Interfax news agency.

The envoy, Valentin Vlasov, was kidnapped at gunpoint Friday near the border between Chechnya and the neighboring region of Ingushetia. No one has claimed responsibility for the abduction or made any demands for the

Havel, 'Better,' Begins Signing Papers

INNSBRUCK, Austria - President Vaciav Havel of the Czech Republic, feeling "better and better," according to a spokesman, sat up Monday to perform his first official state function since his most operation - approving the appointment of seven generals.

A spokesman said that Mr. Havel, who is scheduled to return to Prague on Wednesday, had a surgical pipe removed from his throat. It was inserted to

assist breathing after a tracheotomy. The 61-year-old president underwent emergency surgery in Innsbruck when a perforated intestine cut short his vacation on April 14. As well as the repair of the intestine, he was treated for an abdominal abcess and given a

The former dissident playwright was operated on for lung cancer in December 1996 and has spent several periods in hospitals since then for health problems linked to his five years in prison under the former

German Rightists to Run in Another State

BONN - The party that last week scored the best election result for the far right in Germany since before World War II said on Monday that it would run in another regional election in the east of the country.

The German People's Union, which won 13 percent of the vote in Saxony-Anhalt last week, said it planned to put up candidates in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, another of Germany's poorest states.

The party, which fed on mass unemployment and widespread economic misery in Saxony-Anhalt, said it was confident it could repeat its success in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern, where recent voter surveys give it as much 16 percent support. The state election is scheduled Sept. 27, the same day as the German federal election. (Reuters)



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No Witnesses in Louvre Theft

Guards and Visitors Questioned About Missing Corot

Agence France-Presse PARIS — The French poice were questioning both nuseum guards and tourists londay to try to determine low a thief managed to make

reing noticed. hecking reports that there But the 34-by-49-centimeter had been no guard on duty (13.4-by-19.3-inch) painting near the missing painting, despite stepped-up security measures that were an- lane under a clouded but lu-

Le Chemin de Sevres by Camille Corot, a 19th century French master, was cut from its frame behind a protective glass panel between Sunday, when thousands of visitors were present.

After initial questioning of

French Begin **Frial in Killing** Of a Politician

DRAGUIGNAN, France - The mial of seven persons accused in the murder of a member of Parliament, Yann Piat, in 1994, opened Monday in this southern French town.

Madame Piat, a 44-year-

old conservative who had denounced Mafia activities in her constituency, was the first member of Parliament to be assassinated in the 40-yearold Fifth Republic.

She was killed as she was being driven home on a deserted country road at night. Her driver said two men on a mo-

horcycle shot her. Two suspected hired killers. Lucien Ferri and Marco di Caro, and five others will appear before the court in Draguignan.

Among them is a bar owner. Gerard Finale, who is accused of masterminding the murder.

but there is widespread speculation that whoever ordered the assassination has not been found.

Mr. Di Caro has confessed to driving the motorcycle and accused Mr. Ferri of firing the gun, Mr. Ferri has denied it.

vestigators said there were Japan or the United States. apparently no "direct, relithe Corot.

When the empty frame was with a painting from the noticed, authorities closed the ouvre in daylight without doors to the Louvre and searched all visitors before The police were also they were allowed to leave.

was not found. The landscape of a country tunced three years ago after minous sky was valued for insurance purposes at 8 milsaid a museum official, Chris-

tophe Monin. Its location, in a room at the end of the French painters' 1:15 P.M. and 1:45 P.M. on circuit on the second floor. meant that it was not under video surveillance or hooked up to an alarm system, said the museum director, Pierre recovered in 1913.

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The police, including a cenzo that of professional thieves return it to ltaly.

both guards and visitors, in- who would sell the painting in An "amateur" thief would able" witnesses to the theft of have trouble selling such a

high-profile painting, investigators said. It was also possible that the painting was stolen by an art lover for his own collection,

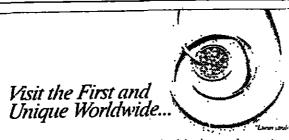
the police said. Le Chemin de Sevres had been in the Louvre collection since 1902.

Because of his perspective. though not his technique, Corot, who is regarded as insurance purposes at 8 mil- France's greatest 19th centulion francs (\$1.3 million), ry landscape artist, is seen as a forerunner of the Impression-

> The theft was another in a long line at the Louvre, which receives five to six million visitors a year.

> The priceless Mona Lisa was stolen in 1911 and was A little known artist, Vi-

Perrugia, special art theft squad, said smuggled it out under his they were looking into several possibilities, including tionalist, he said he wanted to





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BUCKLE UP - Michael Schumacher, left, the champion Formula One motor racer, and Matthias Wissmann, the German transport minister, testing a crash simulator in Bonn on Monday at the start of a campaign to encourage drivers to wear seat belts.

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Seoul Seeks U.S. Help to Keep Students Enrolled Abroad

Los Angeles Times Service SEOUL — The government is seeking help from the Clinton administration to prevent South Korean students from dropping out of American universities amid the country's financial crisis.

Over the last few months, some of the almost 40,000 Korean students in the United States have been unable to pay mition, living costs or loans because the depreciation of the won has made a U.S. education

more expensive than it used to be. When Secretary of State Madeleine Albright stopped here on a one-day visit Friday, Foreign Min-States come from Asia, many of

Seoul Ex-Spy

Denies Smear

The Associated Press

SEOUL — A former government spy chief, on trial on charges of libel and

illegal political activity, denied Monday

that he tried to smear President Kim Dae

Jung during his election campaign last

Kwon Young Hae, 60, is among seven

former officials of the Agency for Na-

tional Security Planning charged with plotting to depict Mr. Kim, then an op-

position presidential candidate, as a

Communist or Communist sympathizer.

operation, not an attempt to foil can-didate Kim's election," Mr. Kwon told

the court.

"It was a routine anti-North Korea

Three other former officials of the

Wearing a blue prisoner's uniform

agency, including its No. 2 man, are

under arrest awaiting trial on similar

and white rubber shoes, Mr. Kwon ap-

pealed for leniency for other agency of-

ficials standing trial with him, saying that they simply had followed his orders.

Kim and meddling in politics in vi-

olation of laws governing the agency's

activities. If convicted, the former

agents could face as much as five years

Prince Returns to Cambodia

as co-prime minister in a bloody coup last July.

for what happens after the elections."

PHNOM PENH — Prince Norodom Ranariddh returned

from exile Monday to prepare his severely weakened roy-

alist party for elections called by Hun Sen, who deposed him

indefinite this time following two short visits over the last six weeks, was met by about 300 supporters at Phnom Penh

airport. He went to a house less than a block from the U.S.

Philippines Mobilizes for Voting

MANILA — The government will put 116,000 soldiers

The charges include defaming Mr.

PAgainst Kim

students. One option discussed was devaluations of currencies, big ina relaxation of vice requirements to crosses in unemployment and major Mr. Kim estimated that 10 perfind work in the United States and rest. thus earn more money. A State Department official said Mrs. Albright made no commitments but agreed to consider the option.

Aides said Mrs. Albright and Mr. Park also talked about ways of finding short-term financial help for Korean students from nonprofit organizations like the Institute for International Education.

About 57 percent of the half-million foreign scholars in the United

a relaxation of visa requirements to creases in unemployment and major make it easier for Korean students to upswings in domestic political un-

> While these factors have led many Asian families to summon or keep home their studious young, it are trying to continue their academic work in America.

went back home and they are trying and board at the university. to transfer to universities in Korea, said Sang Jin Kim, a business major at the University of Southern California who is a former president of ister Park Chung Soo asked her for them from countries where the Association on campus. "I heard the Korean International Student help in finding ways to aid these Asian crisis has led to the sharp that generally, some of them were has not affected him.

university had returned home because their parents could no longer afford to finance their education.

Easing visa requirements to allow has caused real strains for those who students to find part-time jobs South Korea last week was devoted are trying to continue their academic would be helpful, he said, because to trying to resolve continuing probork in America. international students pay fees of up
"There are some students who to \$40,000 a year for tuition, room

> want to work, to earn enough at least for living expenses," Mr. Kim said. Even the Korean-based companies here don't hire students.

The economic crisis back home

"There are many students who

"I'm lucky because my parents saved money for me and my sister to cent of all Korean students at the finish our studies here," Mr. Kim said. "I only have one year left. But if I were a freshman this year, I would have to go back."

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Much of Mrs. Albright's time in lems in finding the money to carry out the 1994 accord aimed at stop-ping North Korea's nuclear

weapons program.

North Korea agreed to freeze its nuclear program after the Clinton administration said it would arrange for Pyonyang to get new energy supplies, including fuel oil and a light-water nuclear power plant.

Afghans Fear Collapse Of Truce as Talks Fail

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ISLAMABAD, Pakistan - Many Afghan civilians said Monday they were bracing for a new round of fighting after

the collapse of peace talks, but the opposing factions insisted they remained committed to observing a truce.

"When we got the news from the radio last night, we absolutely lost hope because this was our last chance," said Mohammed Kharamsel, a shopkeeper on a street cratered by

Many Afghans viewed the latest talks as their best chance at peace after nearly two decades of war. The Taleban religious army rules 85 percent of the country; a northern-based alliance of minority ethnic groups controls 15 percent.

The talks collapsed Sunday in neighboring Pakistan, where negotiations stalled over road access and how soon a goveming panel of religious scholars could be convened.

But Rasul Talib, a spokesman for the opposition alliance, said the northern coalition would not break a "moratorium" on new offensives agreed to during five days of talks, which ended Sunday, unless its Taleban enemy infringed it. "We will show restraint and desist from military offensives," he said. A Taleban spokesman, Abdul Hakim Mujahid, said that the

Islamic militia did not want a military solution but that it would defend its positions and retaliate against any attack. James Ngobi, head of the United Nations Special Mission for Afghanistan, urged both sides to stick to the moratorium, adding that the leaders of the opposing sides would be

contacted in an effort to resume the dialogue. Analysts said the breakdown of talks called into doubt the existence of a 40-member Islamic commission that both sides agreed to set up to discuss ending the 18-year civil war.

The opposition said the commission, of ulema, or Islamic scholars, could come into being only when other related groups to demand an explanation from issues, including the lifting of Mr. Kim of his alleged links to Mr. Oh. Hazarajat region, was lifted. issues, including the lifting of a food blockade of the central

Prison police escorting Kwon Young Hae on Monday to a Seoul court where he is on trial for illegal political activity against President Kim Dae Jung.

They allegedly hired a Korean-American businessman to make a false claim that Mr. Kim's campaign was being funded by North Korea.

They also were charged with leaking to local media what they said was a letter

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to Mr. Kim from Oh Ik Jae, a South Korean religious leader who defected to North Korea last year. The agents then persuaded South Korean conservative

and 26,000 police officers on alert Friday to help ensure that

Defense Secretary Fortunato Abat said the alert was part of preparations to minimize election-related violence. The police said there had been less violence in the

national elections next week will be credible and peaceful,

campaign than in previous Philippine elections, but at least Prince Ranariddh, who has said his return would be 17 people have been killed so far. In the elections, scheduled for Monday, 10 candidates are

running to succeed President Fidel Ramos, who is banned by the constitution from seeking another term. At least 100,000 other candidates are running for 17,340

The prince urged Mr. Hun Sen to reverse his refusal to national and local posts. meet with him, saying. "The main parties have to talk to each other to pave the way for the elections, to pave the way Hong Kong Probes Jetfoil Crash The opposition has threatened a boycott if Mr. Hun Sen

HONG KONG — A 77-year-old woman died and 24 people remained hospitalized Monday as officials tried to cannot ensure a free election. A foretaste came Monday when several opposition legislators boycotted the National Assembly, which is controlled by Mr. Hun Sen, to pressure find a submerged object they suspect caused the crash of a the government over the credibility of the elections; sched-

Hong Kong jetfoil.

The jetfoil, a high-speed ferry with fins that rides on the water, hit a submerged object near the coast of Lantau Island shortly after leaving Hong Kong on Saturday en route to Macau. Of the 244 people aboard, 121 were injured.

A Marine officer, Raymond Chung, said the ferry could have hit a drifting log or another object.

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Boycott Nigeria's Oil

President Bill Clinton traveled to - Africa last month hailing the possii bility of a new era of democracy and prosperity. Hopeful signs can be found, but counterbalancing them is the deepening decline in Africa's most populous nation, Nigeria. To gain credibility for its Africa policy, the administration needs to confront more courageously the tyrannical rulers responsible for Nigeria's decline,

Given the country's oil wealth, its -population of 105 million should be among Africa's most prosperous. But, thanks to the corrupt and inept regime of dictator General Sani Abacha, GDP per capita is \$260 — and going down. The regime's human rights record is 'dismal." the State Department reported this year. Legitimate political, cultural and labor leaders have been exiled.

imprisoned, assassinated or executed. The U.S. response has consisted largely of "constructive engage-ment." Despite a few mild sanctions and rhetorical condemnations, the United States has kept buying Nigeria's oil, and oil money is all that keeps General Abacha afloat. The Clinton administration found its rationale for this policy in the general's promise to allow transition to democratic rule this year, after five years of pillaging his own country.

his contempt for U.S. opinion. He legalized five political parties, and all five nominated him for president. Nigerians demonstrated their disgust when 90 percent boycotted the preliminary election for a legislature of undeter-

mined powers.
Secretary of State Madeleine Aibright has said that General Abacha promised "a genuine transition to ci-vilian rule" and "now he must ... keep his word." It is clear now that the general is not keeping his word, so the question to Secretary Albright be-comes, "Or else, what?" Only an international boycott of Nigeria's oil can put pressure on its military regime and show faith with its people.

- THE WASHINGTON POST.

Halt Aid to Kabila

It was just under a year ago that Laurent Kabila drove the longtime Zairian ruler, Mobutu Sese Seko, from power. Promising to end 32 years of dictatorship, corruption and incompetence, Mr. Kabila restored the country's pre-Mobutu name of Congo. Eleven and a half months later, far too

went out of its way to cultivate Mr. Kabila, he has proved to be a rigid and intolerant autocrat who scorns democracy, jails rivals and has stonewalled United Nations investigations of reported massacres of Hutu refugees dur-

ing last year's fighting.

The latest outrage was the detention last month of a UN investigator and the copying of his confidential files, jeopardizing those who cooperated with the United Nations. Secretary-General Kofi Annan rightly withdrew the investigators after this incident. They will now try their best to continue their work from outside Congo, relying on information already gathered by Western governments on the missing Hutu. The victims are believed to have been slaughtered at the behest of Rwanda's

The U.S. military force has shrunk

dramatically since the end of the Cold

War, but the decline in base facilities

has not kept pace. From 1989 to 2003.

the number of navy ships will have

by 42 percent, space for training those

personnel by only 7 percent. The rea-

son for the lag is simple: Closing bases is difficult politically.

But the cost of maintaining unneeded

bases is high. U.S. military spending is

flat, and Congress intends to keep it that

way. By beginning now the long pro-

cess of planning and consultations

needed to close surplus facilities, the

Pentagon could save \$20 billion by the

year 2015, according to Defense Sec-

retary William Cohen. Not to act will

require an equivalent cut in readiness,

Mr. Cohen is asking Congress to

approve creation of commissions that

would implement two new rounds of

base closings, in 2001 and 2005. Two

past commissions worked well; they

used objective criteria to prepare a

take-it-or-leave-it hit list that gave

each member of Congress a measure

of cover from hometown heat. The

The Viagra Debate Begins

Viagra, the new drug to combat im-

potence, has become something of a

pharmaceutical phenomenon. Doctors

are writing tens of thousands of pre-

scriptions a day. The great demand is

not necessarily an indication of wide-

spread chronic impotence. Doctors re-

port that some potent men seek pre-

scriptions simply in hopes of in-

creasing their sexual performance. Re-

searchers don't yet know whether that

balking at covering prescriptions. Cost

is obviously the biggest reason. Also at

Many insurance companies are

goal is achievable.

weapons procurement or research.

Now the general has demonstrated

Tutsi-led government, whose troops

helped bring Mr. Kabila to power.
Mr. Kabila treats the international community contemptuously, counting on the lure of Congo's mineral resources to attract the foreign funds he needs to finance his administration. But foreign investors should be cautious. The Kabila government's highmuch of the Mobutu style remains. While the Clinton administration handedness offers little assurance that contracts will be enforceable. Meanwhile, Mr. Kabila's refusal to broaden the narrow base of his rule in a diverse

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space by only 18 percent, the Pentagon budget have been substantial.

police and protesters in several cities. Washington has always made co-operation with the UN human rights investigation a condition for proceeding with its \$50 million aid package for Congo. All parts of that aid program must now be reconsidered. Those that can be administered independently of the Kabila government and directed to humanitarian and development needs should continue, but those likely to tighten Mr. Kabila's grip or signal Washington's support for his methods

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—THE NEW YORK TIMES.

By Mary McGrory by the Robert F. Kennedy Human Rights Foundation. He was in prison who served 18 years in jail for speaking kowtow: Bill Clinton will begin his

WASHINGTON — The Chinese dissident Wei Jingsheng, a notoriously cheerful man for someone well of democracy, said glumly the other night that "you can put a lot of effort into human rights, but you don't necessarily get a lot back."

Last week's events proved him right. They produced feelings of shock and foreboding among human rights advocates. Their de facto leader, the president of the United States, talked a good game as a candidate but hardly gives human rights even lip service these days. Recently, a high-level delegation led

by Secretary of State Madeleine Albright has been in Beijing to smooth the way for the June visit of America's peripatetic president. His people, according to human rights groups, seem prepared to declare progress in China proper and concentrate on Tibet.

The idea is to be able to say, as George Bush so often did, "Been there, done that" if human rights comes up in June. At the summit, there will be no talk of China's ongoing violations, such as the use of slave labor, forced abortions, the sale of prisoners' organs and the continued imprisonment of

more than 2,000 dissenters. The planners arranged the ultimate

visit in Tiananmen Square, site of the

murder of human rights in China.

Administration spinners cite
China's release of Mr. Wei and Wang Dan (the latter as preparations began for the summit) as examples of progress. But Tibet, by all accounts, is one large concentration camp. Last week, six Buddhist priests protesting the fate of their country were dragged away from their hunger strike in New Delhi, taken to prison and force-fed. One of six monks who replaced the original protesters set himself on fire.

Meanwhile, Central America, al-ways a reliable source of human rights outrage, offered the horrendous murder of Bishop Juan Gerardi Conedera. The 5-year-old bishop, who had just finished a multivolume report on human rights violations in Guatemala, was bludgeoned to death in his garage.

In Guaternala, the death squad is alive and well. Bishop Gerardi had planned to distribute copies of his report to peasants, seeking further information. His intention was his death warrant. Mr. Wei said somberly of his fallen brother. "I know he will be replaced."

when it was announced. He was guest of honor at a dinner in the Georgetown home of Elizabeth and George Stevens. Ethel Kennedy gave him a bust of her

husband. Mr. Wei, 53, was in the excellent spirits that are his trademark. In an interview, he explained that he survived his long and often brutal incarceration by thinking of other prisoners of conscience and working out scientific problems he conjured up for himself. He also drove the authorities crazy with a stream of cheeky letters pointing out the error of their policies and the inevitability of their downfall.

He recounted his Dec. 8 visit with President Clinton, and the subsequent U.S. reversal on human rights. He told of a quintessentially Clintonian moment in the Oval Office.

The president was effusive in his greeting and expansive in his enthusiasm for human rights. Then his national security adviser, Sandy Berger, joined them and added a large dose of reality - about \$4 billion in contracts with China, and the importance of the U.S. share in the Chinese market. Ac-

Human Rights Seem to Have Gone Out of Fashion Mr. Wei came to Washington to pick up the award conferred on him in 1994 in and said, "Berger doesn't really in and said, "Berger doesn't really in and said," trade, but we are much more concerned about human rights."

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A thunderous retreat in Geneva at the recent meeting of the UN Commission on Human Rights showed that Mr. Berger really did mean it, and spoke for Mr. Clinton, too.

Mr. Wei went to Geneva, where the United States opposed human rights sanctions on China. The effect on European leaders, whom Mr. Wei visited, was devastating. "If the U.S. is not going to say anything, why should we?" he said one European Union foreign minister told him. Mr. Wei obviously thinks Mr. Clin-

ton is all wet in believing that pushing human rights will harm the U.S.-Chinese trading relationship. "China needs you more than you need China," he told Mr. Clinton, who can't have it both ways on China much longer.
It is equally clear that the worldwide

consensus about China after the 1989 Tiananmen Square massacre has been shattered. Without the United States carrying the flag, the cause of human rights withers and dies. No wonder human rights activists are feeling gloomy.

The Washington Post.

Hear Volcker: The Crisis Is Not Asian but Worldwide

TONG KONG — It is now H 10 months since the collapse of the Thai currency initiated the "Asian crisis." Have

any lessons been learned? If we believe the investment bank economists who dominate the airwaves, we know now that South Korean companies have for years been badly managed, that corruption and cronyism are rife everywhere in Southeast Asia, and that, sin of sins, Asian corporate leaders have not been worshiping at the shrine of "shareholder value."

Excess savings and investment are deemed a singularly Asian disease, while the West, America in particular, basks in the glory of conspicuous consumption and falling savings.

By Philip Bowring

All this is true up to a point. But listen to another voice, which says: "The problem is systemic. It is not unique to Asia, nor is it confined to emerging economies.

The author of those comments went on to stress the need for a serious look at the whole international financial system. If there is not a swift return to

strong economic growth in the Asian region, he said, there is a real danger of a global political backlash against the international capital system. If financial integration does not produce rapid growth, there could be a reaction against it.

gasp of a 1960s European Marxist. This was former Federal Reserve Chairman Paul Volcker, speaking on April 27 in Hong Kong. His observa-tions were as wise as his Fed chairmanship was successful.

But has there been any serious international effort to look at the systemic crisis? Any attempt, in the Asian bailouts, to separate elements due to international systemic failings from specific failings of individual countries?

Or any effort to see that a crisis caused by sudden changes in direction of sentiment and lending by a handful of international banks is not repeated soon? Some talk, some studies. But action?

The world has now seen a series of bubbles and busts in quick succession: Mexico, the yen, Asian stocks, international lending. Perhaps these are the consequence of unregulated capital movements. What else explains a 60 percent change in 18 months in the relative values of the currencies of the world's two largest economies?

One bubble-and-bust leads to another. The Mexico bust to the lending boom to Asia. The year bust to pan-Asian collapse and the pan-OECD money creation that is now driving Wall Street, and many European markets, to ever more inflated levels.

The reaction in the West to

at inflated market prices.

the Asian crisis has not been to try to stabilize capital flows but to print more money, and lean on the Japanese to do likewise. in the hope of ensuring that Asian deflation does not spill over into their economies. That response could make the next systemic crisis worse — more money fleeing the last safe haven in search of the next.

While practicing easy money t home, the West, through the IMF, has been forcing on dis tressed Asia some of the most vicious monetary policies ever seen. Laxity has been replaced by extreme tightness. All sense of balance and moderation has been lost

South Korean companies continue to face 20 percent interest rates despite the collapse of domestic demand and the huge trade surpluses - \$3 billion last month — that South Korea is now generating.

It is bizarre to see the IMF's managing director, Michel Camdessus, product of a failed French socialized banking systern, lecture South Korea on sound banking practices and, in the name of "reform," force deflationary policies of a stringency that would be impossible in Europe.

being cheered on by bankers who helped create the problems in the first place and by brokerage house exponents of Anglo-Saxon economic theorems.

Both South Korea and Thailand see their own mistakes and the need for change. Both can partly blame troubles on now ousted governments. But local scapegoats will lose their appeal as time goes by and interest rates continue to crush even the best businesses, as bankruptcy and unemployment mount, and as the benefits of "reform" prove elusive. In Indonesia, not everything can be blamed on President Suharto.

Mr. Volcker sees that an Asian backlash could easil build, and that the Asian crisis has demonstrated that the scale of international financial turbulence is rising.

Will it take a Wall Street collapse triggered by international factors, or trouble for the euro, to remind Mr. Volcker's successor, Alan Greenspan, why the IMF was created - to provide a stable international financial environment for economic growth?

An America with a trillion dollars in foreign debt, and a stock market as overheated as Asian ones ever were, is now the most vulnerable to a change in sentiment. A soft landing in the United States will require a gentler landing for East Asia. International Herald Tribune.

IN OUR PAGES: 100, 75 AND 50 YEARS AGO

1898: Lunar Research

PARIS - [The Herald says in an Editorial:] The recent discourse delivered before the Astronomical Society of France by M. Flammarion, its secretary, reviewing the progress made during the past year, is interesting. Lunar research has brought the conclusion that the moon at one time had both air and water and afforded conditions of life similar to those on this planet. The moon is believed to still possess a slight atmosphere.

Department, not on the grounds that the Supreme Court has not the right to interpret American laws, but that such interpretation should not interfere with the established customs or laws of other countries.

1948: Western Unity LONDON - Foreign Secre-

consolidation of the Western democracies is now actually taking place before our eyes. He said: "In the realm of defense we are concocting nothing aggressive against any one. But the chaotic separation of the Western Powers, if allowed to continue, would leave them as a tempting prey. The consolidation of the West in the broad sense will put these powers in a position to negotiate on such an equal footing that agreement will not only

The voice was not the last

TOKYO — Tokyo, long so L tolerant toward U.S. sermons, has begun to describe persistent U.S. urgings for changes in Japan's economic policies as

bassador to the United States, request last year, and it is balking again that Japan's leaders are not a now. One ostensible reason is congres-"collection of fools," that they sional anger at President Bill Clinton's can reach their own decisions political interference into the last baseby themselves, thank you. closing round. Prior to the 1996 election,

The ambassador has a point. Tokyo long ago that it should do something to expand domestic demand. But U.S. haranguing about how Tokyo should cut income taxes heavily, and by how much, is quite out of order.

Congress should deal with that situ-In America, where the usual ation in whatever way the facts may warrant. But it provides no excuse for inaction on future base closings. The next rounds will take place after Mr. Clinton is no longer president, and Congress can write the tules to eliminate executive-branch discretion if it chooses. If Congress misses this chance, it forfeits any right to complain

as America's national security declines due to insufficient resources.

unjustified intervention in Japan's domestic affairs. Now Japan's outspoken am-

Washington was right to warn

problem is how to restrain demand, income tax cuts have immediate spending effects. In squirrel-minded Japan, especially in the current gloom, the cuts simply end up as extra savings, the last thing Japan's demand-starved economy needs. Tokyo, too, has had its share

of foolishness. With much urg-- THE WASHINGTON POST

By Gregory Clark

The Japanese Are Starting to Talk Back

ing from Western free market advocates, it set out bravely late last year to imitate the Reaganite/Thatcherite policies of the '80s of liberalization and alsult was rapid collapse of an lemma. Elsewhere a drop of in-

The recent about-turn, with a promised 16 trillion yen expansion package, including some of the tax cuts the United States wanted, has left the economy unimpressed.

Western claims that Japan is in trouble due to lack of decisiveness could not be further from the mark. Japan's problem has been a rush to make decisions, many of them based on mistaken Western advice.

Japan's economy is radically different from the Western economies. One key difference is the way consumers prefer to save rather than spend. It was a demand gap, rather

than closed markets, that caused the massive trade surpluses of the past two decades. Today, even continued trade

surpluses are not enough to keep the economy on its feet. One clear sign that Japan's economy does not operate by conventional Western rules is leged fiscal stringency. The re- the current interest rate dipercent has immediate stimulatory effects. In Japan, the rates have dropped from around 9 percent during the bubble economy of the late '80s to around

percent today without arousing investment interest. Another key difference in Japan's economy is the psychological factor. As we saw during the war years, the Japanese have an enormous capacity to switch from intense euphoria to deep pessimism, from boom to

economy, investors were clamoring to borrow money at 9 percent to invest in real estate proiects that could not possibly return more than 2 percent. And the banks were delighted to

gloom, almost overnight. At the height of the bubble

lend, with the real estate valued

Today, when money can be borrowed at 3 percent for projects now returning 7 percent, virtually the only people willing to move into the collapsed Tokvo real estate market are

Chinese investors. burned once, are reluctant to lend anyway. Promises of reduced taxes and increased public works will

canny American and overseas

not change this depressed psychology, although money for roads and railways will at least inject extra demand into the The first priority, surely, is to

put a bottom on the still falling real estate market. When that happens, some of the trillions of dollars in surplus savings in Japan will finally come out of the closet and into the economy. And the banks can finally do something about delinquent loan problems. One move would be to abol-

ish lingering real estate taxes imposed to cut demand during the bubble economy. But, amazingly, the government still clings to these taxes. Another move would be to

abandon the unpopular consumption tax that Japan unwisely borrowed from the West to replace its sensible wholesale sales tax system. Finally, and contrary to yet more mistaken Western advice,

Tokyo should ease up on Big ing bankruptcies and unemployment. The writer, a former Australi-

an diplomat, contributed this comment to the International Herald Tribune.

Angeles is the place where of the universities and folannex Los Angeles and he did Bang style liberalizations that not arrive by the black helilowed by crowds in the streets. threaten more gloom-provok-

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> years. Many who liked and respected him were disappointed when he was selected as secretary-general last year. His principal qualification seemed to be that he was not Boutros Boutros Ghali. At that time, the Americans in general, and U.S. Ambassador to the United Nations

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Madeleine Albright in particular, were determined to hold Mr. Boutros Ghali to an old promise to retire. The Americans had enough power to veto anyone they did not like for secretary-general, but not have enough power to choose a successor. Mr. Annan got the job because Africans wanted one of their own at the top. Few expected much of the

new guy. But there he was at Southern Cal and UCLA with crowds repeatedly applauding his soft words, including the words that it was about time the United States paid its back dues to the organization that many Americans love to hate in some kind of exaggerated notion that the United Nations is somehow attacking U.S. sovereignty.

Well, Kofi Annan did not or someone, ignored intelli-

By Richard Reeves

The Man From Ghana Is a Star

copters that conspiracy theorists tell us are up there. He charmed influential Los Angeles folks at a series of important appearances.

For some of us, it was refreshing to see audiences standing once more and applauding a man who said that the United Nations had done a great deal for, and has a great deal more to offer to, all of the countries in the world.

When he talked about the U.S. debt, the dues Congress is unwilling to pay, he said a few wise things, including: "There is an old Chinese

proverb that it is hard to find money for medicines, but easy to buy coffins. • "The Iraqis have destroyed more weapons under last months than all of the

weapons that were destroyed

by the mass bombings before and during the Gulf War. • "When it comes to Africa, people would rather look the other way, rather than looking ahead."

The United Nations needed a star to attract those audiences. Mr. Annan is not without flaws; he made his share of mistakes as the head of UN peacekeeping operations, particularly in Rwanda, where he.

gence that the Hutu were planning massacres of the Tutsi. But he was cheered in the halls People ran to buy those disposable little cameras to photograph the man from Ghana passing through. His time has come. He is filling a chair that many

thought might be much too big for hun. The job he has done so far, particularly his travels to Iraq, has brought him both celebrity and new influence. Thirty-five years ago. Mar-

tin Luther King Jr., a relatively obscure civil rights leader gave his "I Have a Dream' speech at the Lincoln Memorial. President John Kennedy, who had never allowed himself to be photographed with King, watched the speech on a television set in the White House. He was still undecided about whether to invite King spotty UN supervision these to the White House for photographs - pictures that would naturally imply that the government was backing King — as the speech began.

As the cheers and the rhetoric soared, Kennedy said: 'He's good. He's damned good." He told an assistant to bring King to the White House for photographs. One star recognized anoth-

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1923: French Protest

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to carry the protest to the State

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Where Whitewater Meets

The Asian Connection By William Safire

WASHINGTON - Isn't it Scott office suite that Indonesia's W awful, spin the Clinton cover-uppers, that Webster Hubbell's wife is included in his indictment for tax fraud? How cruel to squeeze a potential witness by.

Follow the sequence of payment to Mr. Hubbell and silence from threatening his wife.

But now, thanks to tapes made on a prison phone clearly marked 'monitored," we see how Hillary Clinton, worried about her own overbilling being exposed by a lawsuit by Mr. Hubbell against the Rose Law Firm, was first to ratchet up the pressure on Suzy Hubbell.

Marsha Scott, the Clinton confidante who doles out patronage from the White House office of Bruce Lindsey, has long been the conduit between the Clintons and the Hubbells. Soon after Ken Starr put Webb in jail for stealing a half-million dollars from Rose Law Firm clients, Ms. Scott arranged for Interior Secretary Bruce Babbitt to put Suzanna Hubbell back on the Interior payroll for \$60,000 a year.

I am the one that bears the brunt of this up here." Mrs. Hubbell tells Webb. "I am the one that has to explain this to Marsha. She says you are not going to get any public support if you open Hillary up to this. Well, by 'public support I know exactly what she means. I'm not stupid."

For those who pretend stupidity, she means \$60,000 plus fringes from the taxpaying public. As her husband promises to keep quiet -"I will not raise those allegations that might open it up to Hillary' - Suzy responds that Marsha "is ratcheting it up and making it sound like if Webb goes ahead and sues the firm then any support I have at the White House is gone. I'm hearing the squeeze play."

She heard correctly. If Webb were to sing about Hillary's "housecleaned" billing records (or what legal sham she may have performed to deceive bank regulators), then Mrs. Hubbell would have to go out and find honest work in the private sector. No zipped lip by Webb, no "public support" for Suzy.

Here is where the Whitewater rip-off intersects with the Asian connection. Mr. Lindsey and Ms. Scott have the job of preventing exposure of Hillary's billings. All three are well acquainted with the big source of overseas Clinton funds: It was from the LindseyJames Riady called Associate Attorney General Webb Hubbell on April 13, 1993.

Mr. Hubbell about Hillary a year later, with the Feds hot on the disgraced Arkansan's trail; On June 21 and 23, 1994, records show Mr. Riady saw President Bill Clinton twice in the White House and also visited Mr. Hubbell twice.

On June 27, Mr. Riady's firm in Hong Kong paid Mr. Hubbell \$100,000. On that Fourth of July, Mr. Hubbell spent the weekend at Camp David with Mr. Clinton, and now he asks us to believe he lied to his closest friend about Rose Law Firm billings.

We know that big money was paid for little work, and that Bill Clinton was on the scene before, during and after the money

Mr. Hubbell's testimony could bring the president down in a heartbear. But after recommending a light sentence in return for promised cooperation, the prosecutor was outbid; as Mr. Hubbell told his lawyer on the open phone, answers to such questions lead him "down the slope."

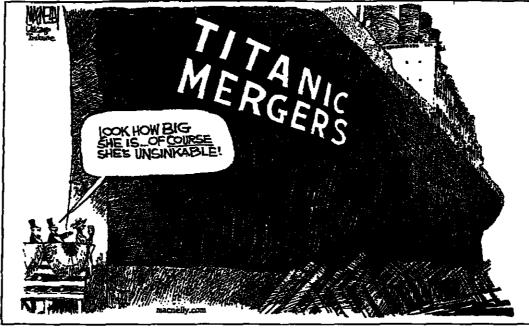
'Safire had a piece," he told his lawyer on Oct. 10, 1996, three days after his Asian connection was revealed in my column. "He's got me making a quarter of a million dollars, which was real interesting. I don't know where he got that ... next thing you know, I'll be on the grassy knoll."

Two days later, Mr. Hubbell lied to Marsha Scott: "They were saying I made a lot of money, which I wish I had." She replied, "They said about \$250,000, and I said that's off by a few zeroes."

I was off, all right, understating the sum sprinkled on this crook by about \$350,000 — \$100,000 from Mr. Riady and more than a half-million from other hush-abye babies, not including Mr. Lindsey's "public support" to Mrs. Hubbell.

The tapes make clear that Hillary Clinton - through Mr. Lindsey and Ms. Scott — put the squeeze on this unfortunate woman to silence her husband. That triggered turnabout time, as Ken Starr now counter-squeezes to get Webb Hubbell to tell the truth.

The New York Times



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

NATO Expansion

Regarding "Think About Rus-a" (Editorial, April 30) and "NATO Enlargement: Build a Europe Whole and Free" (Opinion. April 30) by Madeleine K. Albright:

Mrs. Albright's article is intellectually weak and not at all convincing. It is not that critics of enlargement "are cynically assuming that Russia will always define its national interests in ways inimical to our own." The reverse is the case - and so why enlarge NATO and lead Russia to believe that the West is the one that does not realize "the Cold War is over'"?

And why, under the circumstances, should East Europeans be enticed to spend billions of dollars when they surely have other things to do with their scarce resources?

Also, it is surprising that neither the editorial nor Mrs. Albright's article discussed the importance of the arms lobby in the NATO expansion debate. L BODMER.

Zollikon, Switzerland.

It is easy to understand why current plans to expand NATO intimidate Russia. Secretary Albright and others would have more success with Moscow, as well as more support in the United States, if they de-emphasized military spending and bureaucratic

should focus on consolidating national militaries. If new NATO member states were to use expansion to actually save on military spending, they could concentrate on other priorities such as

education and health care. However, if the goals of NATO expansion include creating new markets for U.S. military manufacturers and generally expanding a military presence, Russia will remain opposed, as will many in the United States. ARON P. GOLDMAN,

In her plea for the expansion of NATO. Secretary of State Albright has inadvertently helped the cause of those who believe that such enlargement is nonsensical.

One searches in vain in her arcle for a plausible argument in favor of expansion. Instead, she curiously asserts that the "central issue" in the debate is overcoming objections to the inclusion of nations that were "subjugated in the past.

Mrs. Albright seems to regard NATO as an elite club that should be open to "strong democracies with healthy economies," But NATO, a creature of the Cold War, is a military alliance. To expand it now by including East European countries means spending billions of dollars on modernizing their arma-

Expansion of the North At- ments. For what purpose? Against lantic Treaty Organization instead what threat? Mrs. Albright did not address these truly central

HAROLD H. TITTMANN.

Drug Hypocrisy

Regarding "White House Won't Lift Ban on Needle-Exchange Funds" (April 22):

The Clinton administration's refusal to lift the ban on federal funding for needle exchange programs — even as the government's own scientists certified that such programs do not encourage drug abuse and can save lives by reducing the spread of AIDS — sends a very clear message.

This rejection of scientific fact and medical wisdom proves that America's "war on drugs" is based on lies and myths, not on reality. Refusing to prevent needless AIDS deaths demonstrates beyond doubt that drug prohibition has nothing to do with protecting public health. REDFORD GIVENS.

San Francisco.

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Values, Not Science, Spur Global Warming Debate

By Robert L. Park

WASHINGTON — I re-ceived a note a few weeks ulates plant growth, making the ago, urging me to sign a petition card opposing the global climate change accord. So, it seems, did just about every scientist in the United States.

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The note was signed by Frederick Seitz, a physicist who once

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served as president of the National Academy of Sciences.

An accompanying article that looked like a reprint from the academy's journal explained what we can all do to make this a better world: burn more hydrocarbons.

This was a new concept for me. Maybe I should crank up the thermostat and trade my fuel-efficient car for a gas guzzler? I wanted to learn more, but there was no letterhead and the return address was a post office box in La Jolla, California. The National Academy of Sci-

ences disavowed any connection with the petition. The article had not been published in the academy's journal - or anywhere else. Moreover, a study conducted by the academy had reached the opposite conclusion.

If scientists all have access to the same data, why, you might wonder, is there such passionate disagreement? What separates the two sides may not be so much an argument over the scientific facts, scientific laws or even the scientific method, but profoundly different political and religious views. Most climatologists agree that

as a result of increased burning of fossil fuels, the temperature of the Earth has gone up perhaps 0.4 degrees centigrade since the start of the Industrial Revolution. Climatologists warn that if the

buildup continues, low-lying land masses, including many of the world's great cities, may be flooded in the next century by rising sea levels as the polar caps melt. Drastic changes in rainfall patterns could wreak havoc on food production.
"Nonsense!" insists a highly

vocal minority. The increase in carbon dioxide is actually "a wonderful and unexpected gift from the Industrial Revolution, to quote an opinion article published a few months ago in The Wall Street Journal. These optim- comment to The New York Times.

world more lush and productive. and that our unrationed burning of hydrocarbons allows the world to support a larger population — fulfilling the biblical injunction to

be fruitful and multiply." The great war over global warming, then, is more about values than it is about science. It sounds like a scientific debate, with numbers and equations tossed back and forth. The antagonists themselves may even believe they are engaged in such a debate. But the average scientist is exposed to religious and political views at his mother's knee, long

before he is exposed to science. Such views have a way of occupying whatever gaps are present in scientific understanding. And there are gaps aplenty in the cli-mate debate. There are holes in the data and uncertainties in the computer models, and small changes in the assumptions could result in very different projections.

Both sides acknowledge these limitations. But to allow unlimited growth in greenhouse emissions is a reckless acceleration of a global experiment the industrialized world is already engaged in - the consequences of which are potentially catastrophic.

That brings us back to the petition. The source turned out to be the tiny Oregon Institute of Science and Medicine, based in Cave Junction. I do not know how many cards were sent out, but I can guess who paid for the mailing.

There is a well-financed campaign by the petroleum industry to recruit scientists who are skeptical about global warming to help convert journalists, politicians and the public to their views. Few of the scientists who received the petition are climate experts - and there are not any in Cave Junction. Oregon, either.

But when uncertainty abounds. scientific judgment has a way of conforming to the religious and political views of the scientist. As for me, global warming or not, my mother taught me to keep the thermostat down.

The writer, a physics professor at the University of Maryland, is author of the forthcoming "Voo-doo Science." He contributed this

BOOKS

MENDEL'S DWARF

By Simon Mawer. 293 pages. 2 \$23. Harmony.

Reviewed by Robin Marantz Henig

FROM the very beginning of this stun-r ning novel, we know that the nar-r rator, Dr. Benedict Lambert, is a dwarf. But it's hard sometimes to reconcile Lambert's voice — sardonic, sarcastic, erudite, incisive, unbearably clever, and horny as hell — with the brutal facts of his physique.
He possesses a massive forehead

and blunt, puglike features," Lambert writes in the dispassionate third person. His nose is stove in at the bridge, his mouth and jaw protrude. His limbs are squar and bowed, his fingers are mere squabs. He is one meter, twenty-seven centimeters tall."

Whenever Lambert walks through the streets, people stare. "You get used to it," he says, unconvincingly.

But inside this misshapen form is a brilliant mind, and Lambert is a genetic researcher of international renown. Coincidentally, he is also the great-greatgreat nephew of Gregor Mendel, the Moravian monk who discovered the laws of genetic inheritance in 1865.

Driven not so much by this familial gene for achondroplasia, the form of dwarfism from which he suffers. The gene is autosomal dominant, meaning that anyone who carries it has a 50-50 chance of giving birth to a dwarf.

This makes it an unpopular target for genetic research, since all the real research funding goes into explaining recessive traits like cystic fibrosis. "Recessives play on people's anxieties," Lambert's boss explains. "They years.

can spend a whole lifetime worrying whether they're carriers, and then we come along and offer them a test." Woven through the novel is the tale

of Gregor Mendel, who made his discovery in the course of eight years worth of work with sweet peas — only to have his work completely ignored during his lifetime. Simon Mawer, an Oxford-trained zoologist, biology, teacher and novelist, knows Mendel's sad little story impeccably, and he tells it quite beautifully, embellished with imagined scenes of Mendel with his family, in his garden and carrying on a fictitious flirtation with Adelaide Rotwang, a luscious young hausfran from

The passages about Mendel's life, combined with clear and cogent information about contemporary genetics, add a richness to the novel, which is at its heart about the vicissitudes of chance as seen through one randomly cruel toss of

After a tortured lifetime of study, rethe genetic dice. search and unrelenting loneliness, Lambert finally finds the gene he's been searching for. He also finds Jean (the name's a pun), a librarian at the institute where he works. The two have an intense, bizarre love affair when Jean

volving as it does "the one part of me ethical crisis. that is the normal size."

that is free of the gene for achondro- derstand.

Reluctantly, and out of love, Lambert agrees. But as he peers into the microscope surveying the perfect Mendelion Gregor Mendel, wrote this for The an proportions of his progeny — four out Washington Post.

briefly leaves her boorish husband - an of eight embryos carrying the dwarf affair that is sexually quite fulfilling, gene, the other four normal, "one of Lambert repeatedly assures us, in- Uncle Gregor's ratios" — he faces an

Although the book falls apart in the When the affair ends, Jean decides to last 50 pages, it is overall a remarkable try to fix her childless marriage by hav- performance. Lambert's voice is dising a baby - Lambert's baby, as it turns tinctive, unique and often downright out, whom she can pass off as the child of chilling; it grabs you by the throat and her infertile husband. But her plan de-pends on genetic certainty, something vulsion, combined with guilty gratitude, that the reader already knows is im- when you see him in all his grotesquerie. possible. Jean wants Lambert to screen And it reminds us, again and again, of the fertilized eggs that the two of them how much about us is due to chance, and produce through in vitro fertilization, how little about our genes, even at the and then selectively implant only the one dawn of the 21st century, we truly un-

Robin Marantz Henig, a Washington

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By Robert Byrne

RTASHES MINASIAN, a 30-Ayear-old Armenian grandmaster, laws of genetic inheritance in 1865.

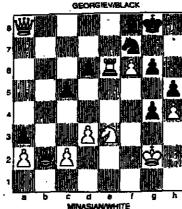
Driven not so much by this familial link as by his own genetic disaster, Lambert spends his career searching for the bert spends his career searching for the score of 8-1.

Minasian has a deceptive style, in which he can begin tamely and still build to a victory by direct attack. This resemblance to the former world champion Boris Spassky can be seen in his defeat of the Bulgarian grandmaster Kiril Georgiev. And his opening choice bears a close likeness to one that Spassky used off and on for many The game started out as a Sicilian

Defense, but after 5 f4, it had become a King's Fianchetto Attack, a rather slow. positional development much like a Reversed English. Spassky used to get substantially the same schema with 2 Nc3 Nc6 3 g3 and so on.

Instead of 6...Nf6, experience says that 6...e6, followed by 7...Nge7 gives a

more reliable defense because it keeps the way open for Black to block the kingside with a timely ...f5, if the need



Position after 39 . . . h5

KING'S FIANCHETTO ATTACK

Minasian's 10 f5 gave over the e5 square to Black's control, but in this formation he must press on with his kingside attack and hope he can create something before the opponent opens the other wing.

It was unpleasant for Georgiev to loosen his king position with 13...f6, but he could not move his queen and allow

the stifling 14 f6.

If 17...Nc4 18 de, the black d pawn will soon come under siege, but 17...Nf7 made it difficult to defend the black king. The knight limited the power of

Georgiev's rook at f8. Minasian's 21 g5! was a powerful breakthrough; 21...ef 22 ef Bf5? loses to 23 Rf5! Re3 (or 23...gf? 24 gf) 24 Ne3 gf 25 g6! with a winning attack.

Georgiev gave up rook for bishop and pawn after 22...fg 23 f6 Re3 24 Ne3 Bh6, but Minasian kept the initiative with 25 Bd5 Re8 26 Nc4. After 28 Re1 Bd5 29 Re8 Qe8 30 Qd5, Qc8 31 Kg2 g4 32 h4, Georgiev's situation was dismal because he had no

scope for his pieces.

After 34 Re2, Georgiev could not play 34...d5 because of 35 Nb6 de 36 Nd7 ed? 37 Re8! After 40 Re8!, Georgiev had to lose a piece. After 40...Qf6 41 Rf8 Kg7 42 Qe8! Qf3 43 Kg1, he gave up in view of 43...g3 44 Rf7 Qf7 45 Qf7 Kf7, leaving

Minasian a piece ahead.





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Prodi, Relishing His Success, Thanks U.S. for 'Magnanimity' on Euro

By Alessandra Stanley New York Times Service

ROME — When Prime Minister Romano Prodi arrives in Washington on Tuesday for his is no doubt about that. first state visit, he will be welcomed as the first

statesman who has, against all expectations, tussle between France and Germany that largely revealed political skills that rival those of Presovershadowed the historic drama of the event. ident Bill Clinton.

U.S. dollar as an international currency.

the long-term interest of the United States, but we are building a competitor to the dollar, there

Mr. Prodi was so buoyant about Europe --European leader to visit the United States since and Italy's up-from-behind inclusion - that he the Economic and Monetary Union made its could not help laughing at the dispute over the debut in Europe over the weekend, and also as a chairmanship of the European Central Bank, a

Given their grand and marvelous love-hate relish, "are beautiful."

In an interview, he also praised the United States for its "magnanimity" in supporting the euro, which, he warned, could soon rival the U.S. dollar as an interpretable of the country of the Germans to say to each other, "You first," and "No, no after you?" "he said, chuckling. "There is a folkloric aspect to the long-standing rivalry between France and Germany, which can even the country's staggering public debt in order to qualify for membership in the monetary union, Mr. Prodict is a folkloric aspect to the long-standing rivalry between France and Germany, which can even the country's staggering public debt in order to qualify for membership in the monetary union, Mr. Prodict is a folkloric aspect to the long-standing rivalry between France and Germany, which can even the country's staggering public debt in order to qualify for membership in the monetary union, Mr. Prodict is a folkloric aspect to the long-standing rivalry between France and Germany, which can even the country's staggering public debt in order to qualify for membership in the monetary union, Mr. Prodict is a folkloric aspect to the long-standing rivalry between France and Germany, which can even the country's staggering public debt in order to qualify for membership in the monetary union, Mr. Prodict is a folkloric aspect to the long-standing rivalry between France and Germany, which can even be the country's staggering public debt in order to qualify for membership in the monetary union, Mr. Prodict is a folkloric aspect to the long-standing rivalry between France and Germany, which can even be the country's staggering public debt in order to qualify for membership in the monetary union, Mr. Prodict is a folkloric aspect to the long-standing rivalry between France and Germany which can even be the country's staggering public debt in order to qualify for membership in the monetary union, Mr. Prodict is a folkloric aspect to the long-standing rivalry between France and Germany which can even be the country's staggerin be entertaining.

"Americans have been very, very generous,"

Mr. Prodi said he considered that the combe said. "They have flashes of vision. Unlike Europeans, they have understood that long-term choice, the Netherlands, will chair the bank for the European limit, while at the same time addressing painful domestic problems, such as a 12 percent unemployment rate, that had mostly been

France — was by no means a serious problem. "Four years are a century!" he said.

By Italian political standards, certainly, Mr. Prodi's two-year tenure is nothing short of a miracle. His coalition government is the third longest lasting since World War II, and his prediction that he can stay in power until the next parliamentary elections, in 2001, no longer sounds as laughable to Italians as it did even a year ago. But, having cut the deficit, lowered interest rates and begun to reduce the country's percent of gross domestic product is still double

Having held their breath for the sake of European membership, Mr. Prodi's partners in his Olive Tree coalition, which is dominated by former Communists, are already grumbling about government plans to trim the bloated welfare state and are demanding a 35-hour work week.

Mr. Prodi, whose approval ratings rose to 60 percent earlier this month, said he was confident he could finesse his opponents and lower taxes and unemployment rates over the next three years. He said that Italians would continue to make the necessary sacrifices to reduce the national debt, but that he was not expecting them to suffer unduly in the coming years.

paradise," he said, "but a nice purgatory with air conditioning and decent toilets."

Mr. Prodi is expected to meet with President Clinton at the White House on Wednesday morn-

stability and simplicity should prevail over sectoral interests of the United States. The euro is in the num the previously agreed upon the long-term interest of the United States but the long-term interest of the United S which has strong ties to neighboxing Albania, and commercial investment in Kosovo, recently was host to a meeting of the so-called Contact Group, six countries that monitor events in the former Yugoslavia. The group agreed to impose new sanctions if Belgrade did not agree to negotiate. Mr. Prodi said that Europe and the United

States alike wanted to pressure Yugoslav and Kosovan leaders to negotiate a settlement, but that they differed slightly on "tactics," most notably the American desire for tougher sanctions on Yugoslavia if it rejects peace talks. But suffer unduly in the coming years.

Mr. Prodi, whose coalition almost fell apart in Mr. Prodi, whose coalition to send Italian troops adjec. 'he said 'thus that it won't be to restore peace in Albania, said Iraly had earned the right to speak its mind. "We are fulfilling our leadership role in the region," he said. "We couldn't say that a few years ago."

Tel Aviv Mayor **Starts Centrist** Challenge to Netanyahu

By Serge Schmemann
New York Times Service

IERUSALEM - Pledging to neutralize the power of "religious extremists," Roni Milo, the mayor of Tel Aviv. announced Monday that he was forming a centrist party to challenge Benjamin Netanyahu for the prime ministry in the next national elections in 2000.

Heretofore a member of Mr. Netanyahu's Likud party, Mr. Milo, 48, has migrated in his political career from a militantly rightist member of Parliament to a moderate and champion of the sec-Jewish religious parties

he and other veteran Likud leaders have centrists from the Labor Party while been shunted aside by Mr. Netanyahu.

The timing of the announcement, however, was apparently prompted by the fray over a modern-dance ensemble, which dropped out of the gala 50th-anniversary show in Jerusalem last Thursday after protests from ultra-Orthodox politicians. At a subsequent jubilee con-movement, might defect to Mr. Milo. cert in Tel Aviv. Mr. Milo denounced

for his proposed party, and iere was no immediate indication whether any major evidently boned.



ular resistance to the growing power of Mayor Roni Milo announcing his party's formation Monday in Tel Aviv.

Mr. Milo's break with Likud has been Milo's challenge would help Mr. Net-mooted for some time, especially since anythiu in 2000, since it would siphon the Labor victory in 1992. leaving the religious and nationalist core of the current coalition intact. There was also the possibility that other members of Likud who have been estranged by Mr. Netanyahu, notably the party "princes" who, like Mr. Milo, are descended from founders of the rightist

But while many politicians in and what he called "extreme religious cen- outside Likud have expressed a longing sorship" and demonstratively showed videotapes of the controversial dance. for a secular, centrist bloc that would advance peace negotiations and withadvance peace negotiations and with-Mr. Milo evidently thought that destand the growing power of Orthodox claring now would rally secular voters parties, there was no certainty that they applied by an extremist religious movebehind him. He did not suggest a name would want to ally themselves with Mr.

The initial assessment was that Mr. deputy foreign minister, minister of the ical power."

Mr. Milo then shifted toward the center, and broke party ranks by abstaining on the vote for the Oslo agreements in In November 1993, he was elected

mayor of Tel Aviv, where he has maintained a political stance much closer to the secular, liberal tone of the city than to the rightist Likud line of Mr. Netanyahu. At his press conference Monday in petition, will not survive. In a continent

Tel Aviv, Mr. Milo focused on the dispute over the Bat Sheva dance group as the catalyst for his decision.

The religious censorship which was ment on the Bat Sheva performance was politicians from Likud, Labor or smaller Likud hard-liner, Mr. Milo successfully neutralize the leverage of religious ex- the urgency is even larger with a single parties would follow his lead, as he managed the election of Yitzhak Shamir tremists, which is used today by a group as prime minister in 1983. He served as which is not large, but enjoys great polit-

currency," the official said. from rigidly protected high-wage coun-Some companies will shift production tries, mainly in Northern Europe, to lower-wage countries in the South.

"There's going to be a major shakeout of European industries because of the euro," Mr. Sheridan said. These pressures are likely to converge most fiercely in Germany and France, economists say. The old dying industries will suf-

By Brian Knowlton

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FRANKFURT — It can come as a surprise to hear labor union spokesmen

across the Continent expressing only guarded enthusiasm for the single Euro-

ean currency and the streamlined new

Only one thing: unemployment."

make it easier for Europeans to compare

by perhaps 1 percent to 3 percent. The

result: greater pressure for lower wages

Industries long protected by national

subsidies, and workers whose job security

practices, will be buffeted. Some compa-

countries, joblessness will soar in some

Global competition is already press-

regions even as it recedes in others.

nies, ill-prepared for the storm of com-

and higher productivity.

Europe it is expected to bring.

Russia, with its economy still strug- fer," said Kinka Gerke, an economist with the nonpartisan Peace Research Inhas participated in some of the group's stitute in Frankfurt. "In Germany you already have a large shipbuilding inmeeting last year in Denver and the year dustry with unemployment of over 20 percent. There will be enormous problems. That's where it's going to hurt."

"The German coal industry," said Alan Watson, European chairman of membership in the organization, but, Burson-Marsteller, in London, when while Mr. Clinton is eager to integrate asked where the labor crunch would Russia into multilateral institutions, the appear. "I do not think it will survive

> David Begg, a University of London economist, said labor pressures would be most intense "in the sectors that have been most sheltered: heavy industry, the public sector, the state airlines, steel, coal, chem-

The sort of labor practices that will come under pressure are apparent even in a small enterprise like the Frankfurt institute where Miss Gerke works, with a There was a premise that was just in, flat wrong, that NATO would ays be seen as a four-letter word in firable, which is not a good thing for an institution this size."

Such protections, though dear to Europeans, are already beginning to crode, be the last, and many specialists say that she said. There is increasing reliance, for the next round could be much more of a example, on freelancers or independent consultants. German companies started restructuring three to four years ago.

So why do trade unions favor monetary union? It is simple, said Mr. Begg, who is associated with the Center for Economic big fat pot of money to chase after." The daily Frankfurter Rundschau, predicted European unions assume that monetary union will enlarge the pot and, equally important, ease currency uncertainties.

They Fear Fewer Jobs, Lower Wages and Pressure for More Productivity

IG Metall, the big German trade union, which has 2.7 million members, hopes that monetary union will lead to "a long-lasting growth process, as in the United States," said Rudolf Welzmueller, an economist at the union's Frankfurt offices.

Most economists, after all, agree that monetary union is likely to produce pockets of high unemployment in some re-gions and industries, at least during a We don't expect an increase of employment by the mere fact of introducing EMU," he said. "But we are sure at least transition period, and lead to acute bouts that we can avoid losses of employment of labor unrest. Facing difficult times, due to fluctuations of exchange rates."

when problems occur?"
asked Jerome Sheridan, director of the Brussels Center of American University

German unions, for example, know that an overvalued Deutsche mark can Pressure on labor will come from several directions, economists say. A single currency will bolster competition and Gabaglio, "there would be a flight to the currency will bolster competition and Deutsche mark, and German jobs would prices, pushing consumer prices down be out the window again."

European trade unions have had to take a longer view, said Mr. Gabaglio, whose confederation represents 60 million workers. Despite reservations about the tough criteria for the Economic and has been sheltered behind rigid labor Monetary Union, he said, "with 18 million unemployed in Europe, the situation is not tenable.

'On balance," he said, "we believe EMU will be a mid- to long-term poswhere labor mobility is low even within itive thing for economic growth." The short term is less clear.

'Competition is going to get intense," ing Europeans to liberalize labor mar- Mr. Begg said, "and workers are going to Jochen Siemens, deputy editor of the with the man in the street.

Bank Deal Derided

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Teams of EU constitutional lawyers had joined negotiations in Brussels to ensure that the deal adhered at least in technical terms to the Maastricht treaty.

Speaking in Bonn on his return Monday from Brussels, Mr. Kohl took pains to persuade Germans that the bank can safeguard the euro. Mr. Duisenberg is "a guarantee of stability" at the new institution, he said.

The 68-year-old chancellor said he "must respect" Mr. Duisenberg's voluntary decision to leave the post after only four years for age reasons. He is 63.

"Duisenberg was elected for eight years. It was his decision to leave early." I must respect it. It was a compromise, said Mr. Kohl, conceding at a news conference that the compromise was not very elegant.

Denouncing the French stance, Mr. Kuehbacher said that France had damaged the "whole European cause" by pursuing national interests.

The attacks Monday underscored how Mr. Kohl has become politically vul-nerable in a maner of 48 hours on the issue of European diplomacy, one of his few remaining strong points in his struggling campaign. Mr. Kohl, the only European leader still in office who was involved in the negotiations on the Maastricht treaty in 1991, has served the driving force behind Europe's currency union.

Oskar Lafontaine, chairman of the Social Democrats, said Mr. Kohl no events. It would be a mistake to allow Mr. Kohl to continue managing German interests in Europe, he said.

The "political mistake" in Brussels

"a social crunch in the rich countries, France and Germany.' "Everything is going to be blamed on the euro," he said, "so the challenge will be not to monetary policy but on the

In the longer term, Mr. Siemens predicts that "the downward pull will be so strong that countries like Germany and France wil be left with no choice but to liberalize social

benefits, labor practices and so on." Mr. Watson agreed. "In the short term, it is going to be very tough on the labor market, and I don't think there's going to

be any way around that," he said. He predicted that a grand coalition would emerge to govern Germany after the elections this autumn, with the political clout to push through labor-market reforms. Resistance to reform is expected to be strong, however.

"There is no guarantee that the first-round effects of the euro will be to promote labor liberalization," said Kermit Schoenholtz, global chief economist of Salomon Smith Barney, in London. A cyclical European economic revival is likely to coincide with the introduction

of the euro, many economists said.

As a result, said Daniel Gros, deputy director of the Center for European Policy Studies, in Brussels, "I'm very skeptical about reform." A cyclical upturn, he said, could mask the problems of structural high unemployment and post-

pone tough solutions. Despite concerns about the short term, most economists and labor specialists were optimistic about monetary union.

"The pie will grow," said Francois kets, said an official of the European find life is very different. The labor market. Charriere, managing partner for Eurofilo.

a crisis point in the development of the Monetary Institute in Frankfurt, precuris going to have to take much more slack pean affairs with Andersen Consulting.

A politician who made his name as a state of Israel," he said. "My aim is to sor of the European Central Bank. "But than it has ever been asked to do before." "Basically, everyone will gain, starting



Helmut Kohl in Bonn on Monday. where he admitted that his deal with Paris was "not very elegant."

amounts to a "defeat for European confidence in Kohl," said Rudolf Scharping, parliamentary leader of the Social

Mr. Kohl's own allies heaped scorn on the agreement. It will shake the confidence of Germans in the euro, said Edmund Stoiber, the Bavarian state premier from the Christian Social Union, the sister party of Mr. Kohl's Christian Democrats. "It is the psychological ef-

fect on the people that I see," he said. French-German tensions from the dispute are expected to spill over into a meeting Thursday between Mr. Kohl and President Jacques Chirac of France in the longer was capable of shaping European southern French city of Avignon. German relations with France "will be more difficult now," Mr. Scharping said.

Political observers struggled to un-derstand why Mr. Kohl had exposed himself to the damaging charges by cavng in to Paris.

There is little doubt it will hurt him politically," a Bonn diplomat said.

Because France was isolated among the 15 EU member nations in its support

of Mr. Trichet, a European monetary official said, "Kohl had good cards, 14to-1, and he still came home a loser." Apart from the compromise, Bonn

government sources said, Mr. Kohl's only other choice would have been to postpone a decision over the bank's eadership, a prospect that many would view as a "failed" summit meeting. Throughout the weekend, Mr. Chirac had threatened to veto Mr. Duisenberg's candidacy, they said.
"I would have just left," said Otto

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Graf Lamsdorff, a senior figure in the Free Democratic Party, a junior member of Mr. Kohl's center-right coalition.

It was more important for Mr. Kohl to have monetary union enshrined than to deal with the question of personalities," a Bonn ernment staff member said, "Kohl has his European vision and his priorities. No other explanation is convincing."

ALLIES: Clinton Faces Pressure to Test His Bond With Yeltsin

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matters, including the investigation led by the independent counsel Kenneth Starr into some of his business dealings and allegations of sexual impropriety. There is only one country in the world that has some 10,000 nuclear weapons that still could be turned against the West, said Michael McFaul, a Stanford Uni-

Clinton administration's Russia expents. "It's still the most important relationship we have," he said, "but you would not know that from Clinton's agenda or

versity political scientist who travels fre-

how he is spending his time." For all their supposed rapport, Mr. Clinton and Mr. Yeltsin have not held a full-scale meeting in more than a year,

Mr. Clinton and Mr. Yeltsin pledged several years ago to hold annual summit meetings. Aides say Mr. Clinton intends to go to Moscow this year, but he has held off scheduling a trip until the Russian lower house of Parliament, the State Duma, ratifies the START-2 nuclearweapons treaty. After a delay of several years, prospects for Russia's passage of that treaty remain as murky as ever.

Some Russia specialists say passage of START-2 is even less likely after the NATO vote and after Mr. Yeltsin had to expend vast amounts of political capital in Parliament last month to install a new prime minister, Sergei Kiriyenko.

With the next summit meeting stalled,

and phone calls between Mr. Clinton and Mr. Yeltsin, U.S. officials said.

Last winter, while Mr. Clinton was pressing for continued sanctions and the option of a military strike against Iraq for blocking the United Nations' weapons inspectors, Mr. Yeltsin warned that a U.S. strike at Baghdad could start a world war and appealed for an early end to sanctions. More recently, Russia has opquently to Russia and knows many of the Clinton administration's Russia experts. posed the U.S. position favoring stronger sanctions against Yugoslavia as punishment for its bloody crackdown on ethnic Albanians in its Kosovo Province.

In addition, U.S. officials have been alarmed by continued intelligence reports indicating Russian transfers of missile technology to Iran despite assurances by Mr. Yeltsin that he wants to

and Mr. Clinton has not visited Russia in halt such activity.

Officials of Mr. Clinton's administration said these recent episodes reflected long-standing divergences between U.S. and Russian interests, not a Russian backlash against NATO expansion or a sign that Washington's relations with Moscow were suddenly deteriorating.

Rejecting charges of high-level in-attention, White House officials say Mr. Clinton talks with Mr. Yeltsin more than he does with any foreign leader except Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain and that Secretary of State Madeleine Albright talks more frequently with Foreign Minister Yevgeni Primakov of Russia than with any of her other counterparts.

cow and has been the focus of the letters this month when leaders of the Group of Seven leading industrialized nations gather in Birmingham, England.

> gling, is not a G-7 member, although it recent sessions including its summit before in Lyon, France.

Mr. Yeltsin, according to U.S. of-ficials, asked Mr. Clinton in recent correspondence to support full Russian United States is not prepared to offer Russia formal G-7 membership.

EMU. It will hit in the Ruhr.

David Begg, a University

The question that hung over the NATO expansion issue - whether Russia should be viewed as a potential ally or a potential threat — has not been entirely answered. U.S. officials sound somewhat boastful in icals, footwear, clothing and agriculture." noting that the widely predicted Russian backlash over extending NATO mem-bership to Hungary, Poland and the Czech Republic has not materialized.

plain, flat wrong, that NATO would always be seen as a four-letter word in Russia." one senior official said.

But Mr. Clinton has promised that the first wave of NATO expansion will not problem for Moscow. In particular, NATO membership for

Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania - which The White House's national security not only are on Russia's borders but adviser, Samuel Berger, is traveling to were part of the Soviet Union - would a host of irritants has dominated dis-cussions between Washington and Mos-ing between Mr. Clinton and Mr. Yeltsin say.

Moscow this week to prepare for a meet-badly test Russian forbearance, they powerful when their employers have a

EURO: Even as Markets Remain Calm, a Chorus of Political Protest Greets Deal-Making on Central Bank Chief willingness to step down after four years verbal commitment to retire in four As a result, the chancellor, who faces a Prime Minister Tony Blair, president of the EU council, for inadequate prepa-

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Chirac had held the tactical upper hand. The central bank does not start operations until July 1, so the decision could in theory have been postponed. But Germany and the other countries have the authority to overturn the de- olated the spirit of the treaty. believed that such a delay would have cision by government leaders. been a disastrous setback for the euro and in the end compromised.

The deal cast doubt on the bank's impact on the markets. There was little movement between currencies inside the technical decision, and he held the rest of euro zone and those outside, indicating that the markets were not worried, at least for the moment, about the choice of who would lead the central bank. Stocks rose across Europe, partly due to the news that the euro's launching would

move ahead as expected next Jan. 1. Mr. Duisenberg is scheduled to go before the European Parliament this

legislators were certain to give Mr. Duis- the president of the European Parlia- analyst at PaineWebber. enberg a hard time, but that they did not ment, Jose-Maria Gil-Robles, said it vi-

ported Mr. Duisenberg for the top bank Christian Democratic Alliance in the inflation fighters. Whoever gets the top ability to act independently, but had little job. But Mr. Chirac insisted that the Netherlands, which is hoping to win the appointment be a political rather than general election on Wednesday. the community to ransom for more than 10 hours over his demand that the job be He said that if he had insisted "it's shared between Mr. Duisenberg and Mr. Duisenberg for eight years or nothing,

Splitting the mandate, however, pointing Mr. Duisenberg for the full termination, saying it was one of the years," he said. week to explain why he had expressed a eight years but first obtaining from him a most difficult negotiations of his career.

only days after saying in a television years. A spokesman for the European difficult election in September, "will interview that he would reject any split- Commission, the EU executive, denied not be able to sell the deal to his people

Prime Minister Wim Kok came under

intense pressure for agreeing to the deal. we would have got nothing.

ting of the term. Parliament sources said that this fudge violated the treaty. But and his media," said Alison Cottrell, an Most leaders rationalized that in purely

economic and monetary terms, there was prior consultation with the other leaders, "It's a rotten start for economic and nothing to choose between Mr. Duis-All 15 European Union central bank monetary union and the euro," said Jaap enberg and Mr. Trichet, both of whom governors, including Mr. Trichet, sup- de Hoop Scheffer, leader of the opposition have a reputation of being hard-nosed job cannot operate independently, but must have the votes of the bank's executive board, which is dominated by monetarist hawks. And the bank forms part of a system with the central banks of all the countries in the euro zone.

The French finance minister, Domi-Mr. Kohl, who has staked his political nique Strauss-Kahn, said the comprowould have been illegal under the legacy on achieving economic and mon-mise would strengthen rather than weak-Maastricht Treaty on European Union. etary union, also backed down in the en the central bank. "We now have This problem was sidestepped by ap-face of Mr. Chirac's single-minded de-assured stability not for eight but for 12

ration and incoherent negotiating factics. According to one diplomat, Mr. Blair arrived at the meeting without having sketched out a compromise and without The meeting was not prepared with the necessary care, "said Prime Minister Jean-Claude Juncker of Luxembourg, who held the EU presidency before Mr. Blair. He told journalists, "I hope it hasn't escaped your attention that nonetheless, we have launched the euro,"

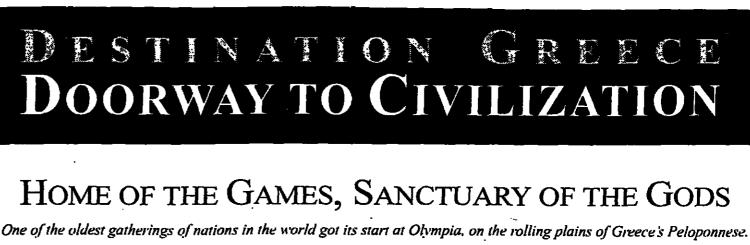
Political sources said Mr. Chirac and Mr. Kohl would need to mend fences at a bilateral summit meeting this week in Avignon, France. Earlier, Mr. Chirac said his quarrel was not with Germany but with the Netherlands. Franco-Dutch relations have been strained over a range of issues, including the easy availability in the Netherlands of illicit drugs that are Several European officials blamed finding their way into France.

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"It is a place that sports



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The modern Olympic was a king in that area named the first time 120 years ago village is only 22 kilometers al Olympic Committee and Games marked their Oenomaus. who called by German archaeologists. (14 miles) from Pyrgos, the the Olympic Movement.

But even after a hundred

nected with the worship of to Pelops, after whom the Olympian Zeus, the father of area was named Pelo- Prize works of art gods (and of many men on ponnesos, or the island of A small museum was built the side). Olympus is a Pelops. Hippodamia estab- near the site at the turn of the landscape of rolling hills and and boys. plains covered with olive and the Alpheus River in Western Peloponnese, as the southern part of Greece is called.

"Even if Olympia were not connected with the Olympia, the modern town that was created near the ancient site, told a visitor.

Once upon a time

origins of Olympia. Archaeaccept the surviving tradi- heaps of rubble, and the mud tion. Olympia and the of the nearby rivers covered Olympics were a story of all traces of the ruins.

The story goes that there or Grove, was excavated for shops and restaurants. The the academy, the Internation- Filaretos. •

first century in 1996. young men from all over Most of its buildings, includ- capital of the county, and Greece to compete with him ing the stadium, have been about 100 kilometers from aretos, Greek member of the years of publicity, many in a chariot race, with his unearthed. These buildings Patras, the largest city and International Olympic Compeople still confuse the daughter Hippodamia and include the temples of Zeus main port of the Pelogames' Greek birthplace, the throne of his kingdom as and Hera, the treasuries ponnese. Olympia, with Mount Olym- prizes. Pelops, a prince from (small buildings where of-Asia Minor, accepted the ferings to Zeus from various Mount Olympus, the challenge and won the race. cities were kept), the gymhighest mountain in Greece. Tradition says that he nasia and administrative was according to ancient cheated however, by paying buildings. East of the build-Greeks the home of their the stableman of Oenomaus ings a stoa. or portico, leads gods. Olympia, the site of the to sabotage the chariot of his to the stadium where the Olympic Games, was con-master. On her wedding day games were held.

into being after the games series of earthquakes turned were institutionalized. If we the buildings of Olympia into Lapiths.

majestic, wild, 2.918-meter lished in honor of Hera, the century, but it was not con-(9.573 feet) snow-capped wife of Zeus, a race for maid-sidered spacious enough mountain. Olympia, by con- ens, which gradually de- after more recent excavations trast, is a beautiful, serene veloped into races for men brought out many new finds. A new museum was built in The games became so im- the 1960s, not far from the pine trees on the right bank of portant that Greeks used the entrance to the archaeologicfirst Olympics ever recorded, al site. The museums in which took place in 776 B.C., Olympia contain some of the to date the beginning of their most beautiful marble statues era, just as Romans used the of the classical era, including construction of their city, the Hermes of Praxiteles, and games, tourists would flock Christians the birth of Christ, the statues of the two pedhere for its physical beauty.". and Muslims the Hegira or iments of the Temple of a former mayor of Archaia flight of the Prophet Mo- Zeus, created by Phidias, said hammed from Mecca. The to be the greatest sculptor of last of the ancient Olympics, ancient Greece, also responin 393 A.D. coincidentally sible for the art on the marked the end of the ancient Parthenon of Athens. The world. Two years later, the Temple of Zeus housed a ticipate in seminars organ- Olympic ideals," says the Mystery still surrounds the Goths under Alaric invaded huge gold-and-ivory statue Greece, stormed through of Zeus sitting on his throne. ologists cannot tell for sure. Olympia and looted the considered one of the seven in 1961. During its first six on the outskirts of the village. whether a sanctuary dedic- place. The destruction was wonders of the ancient years, the academy operated is the Museum of Modern ated to Zeus was there before completed in 426 A.D., when world. One of its pediments the Olympics began, or the temple of Zeus was represents the race of Pelops. Altis and participants lived in mementos of the modern whether the holy place came burned. A century later, a and the other the fight between the Centaurs and the

> Only a few hundred yards from the edge of the archae-The site, called the Altis, ern town, with its hotels, ordinate relations between

however, anchor at the small

see the site.

ganize one- or two-day tours sports officials." he says. to Olympia from Athens. which is less that 300 kilometers away, or three and a academy's facilities, where half hours by car. Most tour- all the meetings, lectures and ists, however, prefer to include Olympia in a comprehensive four- or five-day tour two-week seminar for young including Delphi. Olympia. Epidaurus. Mycenae and Corinth, known as the "classical tour.'

Modern-day meetings Besides ordinary tourists. large number of sports officials and reporters who parized by the International Olympic Academy, founded tents. The first buildings of the academy were completed special committee was casion of the Olympics. formed by the International ological site stands the mod- Olympic Committee to co- lovers visiting Olympia

According to Nikos Fil-

mittee and president of the International Patras is the terminal for Academy, its installations are the shipping lines that cross used for over 40 different acthe Adriatic and connect tivities. "These include train-Greece with the Italian ports ing seminars for sports inof Brindisi, Ancona and structors and members of Venice. Many cruise ships, physical training establishments, postgraduate semport of Katakolon, only a few inars on Olympic studies. kilometers from ancient conferences of members of Olympia, in order to give national Olympic Acadtheir passengers a chance to emies, of members of National Olympic Committees. Major tourist agencies or- sports coaches, referees and

> All participants are accommodated seminars are also held.

The largest meeting is a athletes and sports officials nominated by their national olympic committees, which takes place each year in June. "Each national committee can nominate four participants between the ages of 20 Olympia hosts every year a and 35, and it develops into a forum for the exchange of ideas and the cultivation of president of the academy.

Not far from the academy. under the pine trees of the Olympics, which houses games, including photos, medals, diplomas and stamp in 1967. The same year, a collections issued on the oc-

should not miss." says Mr.

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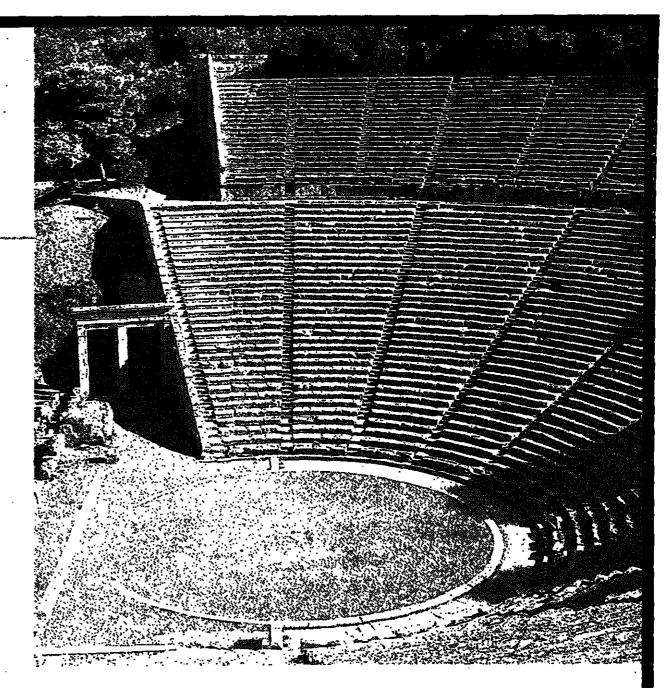
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GREECE: The Authentic Choice

Exhibition Captures a Rare Artistry

By Suzy Menkes

ARIS — It is an inspired coupling the modernist American photographer of 70 years ago revealing the workmanship behind his silken prints; and the modernist American fashion designer who is acting as exhibition sponsor: Man Ray meets Calvin Klein.

"Man Ray: La Photographie a l'Envers'
(at the Grand Palais until June 29) means "Photography Inside Out." And that clothing

metaphor suggesting a com-plex underside hidden below a smooth surface, is the point of the exhibition that opened Even the most famous and

familiar of Man Ray's oeuvre - the Violin d'Ingres, where the curvaceous back of a woman is turned into a violin, or the 1926 portrait of a human head cheek-to-cheek with an African mask — take on a new perspective when you see the contact prints from Portrait of Lee Miller in which the images were selec- classical style, circa 1930. ted, cropped and framed.

The show not only draws upon 13,000 ure; and intimate shots of couples are shown archive photographs, but also a treasure trove to be the result of careful cropping. of 2,000 negatives acquired by the Georges Pompidou Center in an estate settlement with the heirs of Juliet Man Ray in 1994.

What struck me most was the shades of black and white — I can see so much color in that room," said Klein, who invited le tout Paris and a bit of Hollywood to the private viewing last week. The dinner he hosted afterward was played out like a silk-screen photograph entirely in black, white and silver. from the stubby candles to the lilies laid like dawn of the modern photographic era.

asparagus across platters on the tables. "I collect photography, almost always in black and white, especially Alfred Stieglitz, but I find this Man Ray exhibit so modern in the way the photographs are framed," said Klein. He was referring not so much to the uniform black wood that gave a sleek geometry to the images, but the way the phofographer had focused on what he found significant and thus crossed the boundary between capturing a moment — and giving that vision an artistic spin.

Divided into three sections, described as

duplicating, delineating or "denaturing" reality, the exhibition emphasizes the ten-sion between Man Ray's work as a professional photographer and "bread-and-butter" portraitist and his creative work, in which he used experimental techniques of printing and developing. This is put in the context of the social and artistic circles that Emmanuel Radnitsky from Philadelphia, alias Man Ray, moved in Paris in the 1920s and his relationship to the Dada and Surrealist

For fashion folk, the rev- Superimposed images in a elation of the exhibition is in 1935 fashion photograph. the photographs taken by

Man Ray in the 1930s for fashion magazines. Ray exhibition while its own building is Although Emmanuelle de l'Ecotais, a co- closed for repairs until 2000. curator of the exhibition, emphasizes the photographer's commercialism, the images often seem daring.
For the Bergdorf Goodman store in 1930,

Man Ray photographed a Madeleine Vionnet dress using lighting techniques and develpublicity shots today.

the surreal series "A l'Heure de l'Obser vatoire," done for Harper's Bazaar in 1936 under the fruitful collaboration of the legendary editor Carmel Snow and her artistic director, Alexei Brodovitch.

A more classic photograph of a checked evening gown is silhouetted with pen-and-ink lines, as though Man Ray were tracing by hand the technical effect he developed when Lee Miller, then his assistant, accidentally created "solarization": a partial inversion of

light acting on silver bromide that can be used to "halo" subjects and objects.

Man Ray developed another way of "outlining" his sitters. Unlike Henri Cartier-Bresson, who was adamant that framing was done through his lens and the camera eye as the picture was taken, the Man Ray archive reveals a completely different approach. The surreal "tears" of

1932, glistening below spidery eyelashes, were enlarged from more banal fullface images; Nancy Cunard's armfuls of bangles were extracted from her complete fig-

The meticulous preparation and complex techniques required for Man Ray's erotic and surreal images make them the antithesis of the spontaneity that is supposed to be the essence of photography.

And how modern that seems! There is currently a vague consensus that photography has no way forward except through manipulation and distortion on the computer, yet Man Ray prefigured these techniques at the

The methods were adapted according to the private clients and for the portraits commissioned by Vanity Fair and Vogue in the 1920s, when being "done" by Man Ray "meant that you were someone." De l'Ecotais explains in the catalogue that Man Ray did not solarize everyone. For example, he just used sophisticated lighting for a portrait of Salvador Dali who was photographed with an amazing light, giving his face a character that was . .

The exhibition shows how Man Ray put the definitive end to the idea that the photograph was second-best to a painted

portrait and that the photographer was therefore a failed artist. For that alone he marked the century.

What did Klein's fashionable crowd make of the show? "I found it just so modem. said Cameron Diaz, a rising Hollywood star. That refrain was echoed by the galaxy of celebrities, from the French actress Isabelle Huppert to Lady Helen Taylor, the artloving Briton. They were sitting at Klein's table with his guest of honor, Claude Pompidou, whose late husband gave his name to the art center that has mounted the Man

Jean-Jacques Aillagon, president of the Pompidou Center, described the long lines at the Man Ray exhibition, compared to the neighboring Delacroix show, as a "triumph of modernity over romantic style."

*The 20th century belongs to photography oping exposures to create light-and-shade effects that would be considered avant-garde as that a big photographic exhibition in Paris has shared a gallery with painting. And Man Ray Other dramatic and experimental images was the first person to play with the images include a lace dress shown as two super- and create things that were not just phoimposed negative and positive images; and tographs, but art.

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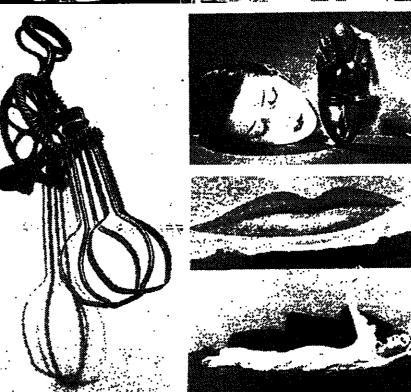
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A sampling of Man Ray's work in the "Photography Inside Out" exhibition, sponsored by Calvin Klein, at Paris's Grand Palais through June 29. Guests at the preview opening, pictured with Klein, at left below, included Marisa Berenson, Isabelle Huppert and Cameron Diaz.

Fin de Siècle Decorating: Quirky Luxe

By Patricia Leigh Brown

EW YORK - The death of chintz arrivederer, baby — will be made public next week at the Kips Bay Boys and Girls Club Decorator Showhouse, where it will also be revealed that the bridge to the 21st century is really an 800-pound concrete Zen bathtub.

It's show-house time again. that rollicking seasonal decorating ritual in which a heady can d'atthuence fills the air and \$100,000 gilt clocks ting in unison on the quarter-hour.

Strange as it may seem, however, a sort of Kips Bay Liberation Front has taken up residence at 32 East 70th St., where the work of 20 designers - a record eight of them first-time Kips Bayers --- goes on view from through May 27.

In the past, the show house has been predominantly a starched bastion of Park Avenue decorating, pure Brooks Bros., a place where breathless decorators used words like "timeless" and "eclecto describe the status quo. Nevermore.

Facing the fin de siècle and possible extinction by Martha Stewart), the predictable Kips Bay has turned bracingly unpredictable this year. as many designers up the anteto redefine what "good taste" means as 2000 approaches.

They are looking to remote non-Western cultures, humble materials. Popsicle-color palettes - and the feel of the human hand. They are perfeeting the Deepak Chopra School of Decorating, viewing interiors as "a meditative state" (Kitty Hawks) and a "life-enhancing situation" Eve Robinson, 33, a de-

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agner new to Kips Bay, took love of common objects. specifically the apple basket. and reinterpreted the conventional paneled room with a basket-weave wall of interlaced maple strips.

In the nothing-is-sacred department, David Klein-

Bergreen painted a wall in the 30-room 1912 mansion with and a \$15,000 thin-screen which it is difficult to tell decorated down to a dish of color-coordinated M&Ms where National Geographic color-coordinated M&Ms striped burlap.

henna, inspired by mehndi, Grass is still the pet acthe ancient Indian art of body cessory, and it sprouts from steel ledges (Clodagh) and bathtubs (Robinson), raising the question of whether venture capitalists ought to be investing in hand-held indoor lawn mowers.

In Clodagh's mystically sybaritic sanctuary, light emanates mysteriously through saunalike wooden slats, and berg, an architect, brazenly crystals dangle beside the In his chocolate-brown and enveloped Regency antiques doors. Fittingly for an era in deep Prussian-blue room —

lone antique Nepalese oxcart wheel hangs on an artisanal-

Around the show house, there was a sense that Kips vounger generation of designers and clients, in part because of the unseen hand of 33-year-old Alexis Contant, the show house's new mar-

ends and Elle Decor begins, a Richard Keith Langham, a 39year-old alumnus of the design firm Irvine & Fleming, took stock of how far his generation of decorators had come. "We were schooled in the English Bay had finally embraced a country house, which swept down Park Avenue like a tidal wave." he said, "Now there is all this yummy new Wall

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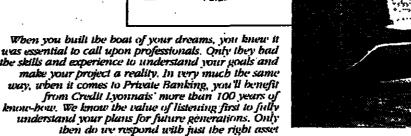
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U.S. Insurer Cuts Deal in Malaysia

AIG Chief's Big Investment Pledge Delays a Sale of Local Unit

By Thomas Fuller

International Herald Tribune KUALA LUMPUR - Western companies looking to do business in cash-strapped Asian countries may want to take a page out of Hank Greenberg's book.

Until Monday, Mr. Greenberg, the chairman of American International Group Inc., one of the world's biggest insurance companies, had a problem.

The Malaysian government was threatening to compel Mr. Greenberg's company to sell a large chunk of its Malaysian subsidiary, as part of a World Trade Organization accord on financial services reached in December. Mr. Greenberg, a feisty presence no matter where he does business, had lobbied intensely against limiting foreign insurers' ownership, single-handedly delaying a global trade agreement signed by

more than 100 countries. But the problem was fixed Monday with what might be described as a model deal for Asia's financial crisis, as Mr. Greenberg deployed cash investments in Malaysia's struggling economy while working on his per-sonal relations with Malaysian leaders. During a visit to Malaysia, Mr. Greenberg said that AIG, which is

much as \$2.5 billion into foundering construction projects and deflated financial markets in Malaysia and across the region.

He signed an agreement setting up a joint-venture software company to operate in Malaysia's multimedia supercorridor — a high-technology development project dear to the country's prime minister, Mahathir bin Mohamad; and he announced that AIG would give \$1 million to Malaysians studying in the United States who have been hurt by an unfavorable

exchange rate since the regional economic crisis started last year. Mr. Mahathir, in turn, said AIG would be allowed to keep total ownership of its local insurance business for five more years. He called AIG "a very special case" but said the rule would have to apply to other foreign insurers in the country. Aetna Inc., another U.S. insurance company, has also sought more time to reduce its stake in the local unit, Aetna Universal Insurance Bhd., in which the parent

company holds roughly 80 percent. "AIG, I believe, have got lots of money," Mr. Mahathir joked Monday at a signing ceremony for the software company. "We'd like a bit of that money." Mr. Mahathir wasn't just kid-Greenberg said that AIG, which is ding. Last year, AIG company's net based in New York, would pump as profit was \$3.3 billion, one-third of it

from Asia. That was up from \$2.9 billion in 1996. AIG, which operates in 130 countries and has a market value of about \$93 billion, four times Malaysia's annual budget, was founded in 1919 in Shanghai.

Mr. Greenberg has built AIG around his tenacious personality and has run AIG the way ethnic Chinese patriarchs in Southeast Asia have molded their conglomerates around their families. Indeed, Mr. Greenberg's likely successor at AIG is Evan

Glenn Greenberg, his second son.
With the deal Monday, Mr. Greenberg did what years of lobbying at the World Trade Organization had failed to do, a success partly attributed to Mr. Greenberg's personal touch in his re-lations with Malaysian government oflations with Malaystan government or-ficials. He is said to be a long-time friend of Mr. Mahathir's and has forged close links with Malaysia's deputy prime minister, Anwar Ibrahim. In a 40-minute private meeting Monday, Mr. Greenberg and Mr. Ma-hathir discussed a \$1.5 billion infra-

structure fund that would make direct investments in stalled construction projects in Malaysia, as well as other Southeast Asian countries.

"The prime minister told him to take a look at some of the infrastructure

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China's Global Trade Undaunted by Asia Crisis

By Seth Faison New York Times Service

SHANGHAI - It seemed obvious to many economists, just a few months ago, that the sharp currency devaluations rippling across Asia would sap China's fast-growing exports and foreign investment. Buyers and investors alike, it was widely argued, would turn away from China and toward neighboring

countries where prices effectively fell overnight. Yet now, in the clearest indication that China is avoiding the worst of Asia's economic woes, it turns out that foreign investment and exports grew handsomely in the first three months of this year.

Chinese authorities announced over the weekend that actual foreign investment grew 9.7 percent in the first quarter, compared with the like period in 1997, reaching \$8.6 billion. Exports climbed 13.2 percent, according to official figures,

reaching \$40.1 billion. Several economists said the figures bode well for China's ability to resist pressure to devalue the yuan and might also help stabilize China's overall economy, which still looks

Xu Xiaonian of Merrill Lynch & Co. in Hong Kong said he was most surprised by the 10 percent growth in foreign

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Thinking Ahead /Commentary

EU Needs to Make Up With Turkey

By Reginald Dale

TSTANBUL — It is hard to exaggerate the strategic importance of Turkey. A unique secular deof Turkey. A unique secure mocracy in the Muslim world, Turkey is the southeastern bulwark of Europe and the Atlantic alliance in one of the planet's most dangerous neighborhoods.

Wedged in the midst of Russia, the Balkans, the Caucasus and the Middle East, Turkey guards the frontier between Christendom and Islam and lies close to vital energy reserves. It is the world's 17th-largest economy.

Yet the European Union, even as it seeks to expand eastward, has made an status on Turkey, which has been waitunholy mess of relations with its longstanding Turkish allies. Recrimina-than 30 years. Turkey, a loyal NATO ing the Europeans for their strategic tions are rife, and serious dialogue be-ally throughout the Cold War, saw shortsightedness, and the Europeans tions are rife, and serious dialogue between Brussels and Ankara has ground to a bad-tempered halt.

The bitterness among Turks erupted at a conference here organized by New Atlantic Initiative, a Washington-based group dedicated to strengthening trans-Atlantic relations. "Shameless" and "shortsighted" ware some of the and "shortsighted" were some of the unhelpful. Ankara has, as usual, kinder words used to describe the EU's proved hopeless at its own public re-



ing in Europe's antechamber for more

itself overtaken in line by former members of the Warsaw Pact. In this pointless and destructive dis- their club. pute, neither side is without fault. Turkey's feuding politicians have not al-ways behaved with great maturity, and the country's current fit of the sulks is

approach.

At the very moment when EU leaders were celebrating their historic step toward a single currency in Brussels over the weekend, Turkish leaders here were bemoaning what could be their equally historic exclusion from the European family. They have a right to feel betrayed.

The issue is the EU's decision in December to accept 10 countries in Central and Eastern Europe plus Cyprus as official candidates for EU countries the standard conferring the same of the for mediate entry. Turkish leaders insist they want the EU only to rephrase its commitment to ultimate Turkish membership to make it "nondiscrimination". They simply want assurances that they are part of the family.

It should not be beyond the wit of diplomats to provide all that by the time of the EU summit meeting next month in Cardiff, Wales. But the broader political damage will be harder to repair. The Europeans will have to change their attitude as well as their words. They could start by saying they're sorry.

But the dubious reasons for refusing distressingly obvious. They include Germany's fears of being swamped by Turkish immigrants over and above the 2 million already living there, widespread reluctance to accept a Muslim country as "European," ill-informed posturing on human rights by the Enropean Parliament and Greek obstruc-

tionism. The snub has seriously weakened pro-Western forces in Turkey in their struggle against Islamist tendencies. Now that most Turks no longer care what the European Parliament has to say, the Turkish military feels less compunction about intervening assert-

ively in political matters. Meanwhile, Washington is belaborare resentful that Americans are trying to tell them whom they should admit to

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Thai Finance Minister Tarrin speaking Monday after Mr. Chaiyawat, in inset, resigned as central bank chief.

Thai Central Bank Chief Resigns

Investigators Assign Chaiyawat Part of Blame for Demise of Baht

Compiled by Our Stuff From Dispatches

BANGKOK - The governor of the Bank of Thailand resigned Monday following an investigation into his role in depleting the country's foreign reserves in the failed attempt last summer to shore up the baht.

The government plans to name the great-grandson of a Siamese king to replace him.
"I must resign because I am a link

between the past and present," said Chaiyawat Wibulswasdi, 51, after he spoke to workers at the Bank of Thailand over the central bank's public address system.

He had worked there for 24 years and was the youngest governor in the history of the bank.

"There has been direct criticism over my job and the Bank of Thailand, which has affected its performance," Mr. Chaiyawat said.

A report on the inquiry, prepared by an independent panel headed by a former central bank governor, identified Mr. Chaiyawat as a culprit.

Chavalit Yongchaiyudh and Amnuay Viravan, the prime minister and finance minister at the time, were also blamed for their roles in the currency debacle.

Finance Minister Tarrin Nimmanahaeminda said that Chatumongkol Sonakul, a respected former Finance Ministry official who quit last year to protest government policy, had been tapped as the new governor pending

cabinet and royal approval. Mr. Chatumongkol, 54, will become the country's fourth central bank governor in two years.

The nomination of Mr. Chatumongkol, expected officially at a cabinet meeting Wednesday, will mark the pub-lic resurrection of the Harvard and Cambridge graduate. He was dismissed a year ago as the Finance Ministry's top civil servant for publicly berating the policies of the prime minister in office at the time and the central bank.

Mr. Chaiyawat's top deputy, Jaroong Nukhwun, also said he would quit. The 36-year employee of the central bank will be acting governor for two days

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until his successor is approved. Mr. Chaiyawat was the key official in charge of Thailand's failed attempts to defend its currency, the baht, against an onslaught of financial speculation last

Thailand eventually was forced to float the baht, which then went into a tailspin, triggering currency meltdowns across Asia and exposing economic weaknesses that belied years of booming regional growth.

Despite comparatively high levels of corruption in Thai government and business circles, the central bank was once regarded as a bedrock of integrity and ability. But the bank has been beset by scandals over the last two years amid

charges that it had become politicized. Finance Minister Tarrin, part of the new government that came to power in November to try to stem the crisis, said that any changes at the central bank would take time and that new people would have to be brought in to improve

efficiency and credibility.
(AP, Bloomberg)

Very briefly:

• Dana Corp. agreed to buy Echlin Inc. for \$4.17 billion in stock and assumed debt, topping a \$3.5 billion hostile offer from SPX Corp., in a move that would combine a major maker of parts for auto manufacturers with one of the industry's leading supplier of repair parts.

 Boeing Co. won a contract valued at hundreds of millions of dollars to help build a \$1.4 billion satellite-communications system for Mobile Communications Holdings Inc. The system is intended to bring affordable fixed, mobile and airborne voice and data telecommunications throughout the world.

 NationsBank Corp. and its subsidiaries will pay nearly \$7 million in fines for allegedly misleading customers by "blurring" the differences between federally insured products and

 Time Warner Inc.'s Time Inc. unit is buying the publisher of Mutual Funds magazine and nine financial newsletters, expanding its stable of business publications led by Fortune and Money magazines. Terms of the deal were not disclosed. • Oracle Corp. and Intel Corp. will buy a stake in Time Warner Inc.'s Road Runner service, which provides highspeed Internet access via cable-TV lines. AP. Bloomberg, Reuters

Weekend Box Office

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES -- "He Got Game" dominated the U.S. box office over the weekend, with a gross of \$8.1 million. Following are the Top 10 moneymakers, based on estimates for Friday through Sunday.

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Mark Is Up On Possibility Of Rate Rise

NEW YORK - The dollar fell against the Deutsche mark amid speculation the German central bank may raise interest rates to instill confidence in the European single currency.

Some traders said they were concerned after European Union leaders compromised over who would

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lead the European Central Bank, raising fears that the bank's decisions would be influenced by politics. But many traders bought marks thinking the Bundesbank might raise interest rates soon, now that the future central bank's credibility may be in question.

In 4 P.M. trading, the dollar was at 1.7786 DM, down from 1.7833 DM on Friday, and at 133.035 yen, off from 133.450 yen. The slip against the yen was caused by the dollar's weakness against European currencies, traders said.

Traders said the mark may also in ground amid signs of recovery in Germany and its neighbors.

'European countries are looking better than they have in a while, said Huub Nelissen, assistant treas-urer of Borden Inc. "People will become more comfortable with the euro, and that will not work in favor of the dollar." Against other major currencies, the dollar slipped to 5.9675 French francs from 5.9770 francs and to 1.4890 Swiss francs from 1.4925 francs. The pound edged up to \$1.6665 from \$1.6660.

Rate Outlook Pushes the Dow to a Record of Sup's Juggerna

Compiled by Our Staff From Disposches NEW YORK — The Dow Jones industrial average rose to a record Monday amid optimism that low interest rates and expanding profits will spur demand for stocks.

We don't want to take the risk of not being in stocks," said Michael Weiner, a money manager at Banc One Investment Advisors Corp.

EntreMed was the biggest gainer of the day. The company's stock soared 30 15/16 to 52 after the National Cancer Institute said two of its drugs offered the best hope for treatcancer. Bristol-Myers Squibb which owns a stake in EntreMed and is helping develop one of the drugs, rose 31/2 to 1091/k.

The Dow finished 45.59 points higher, at 9,192.66. Union Carbide gained 3% to 51 9/16, leading the gain in the 30-stock average. A London newspaper reported that British

ing record for the Dow was 9,184.94 on April 21.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock index rose 1.08 points to 1,122.08, gained 5.50 to 1,878.94

Analysts said declines in oil and

U.S. STOCKS banking shares - the biggest gainers Friday - were preventing the market from rallying further.

Expectations that interest rates will stay low got a boost last week when reports showing benign U.S. inflation sent the yield on the benchmark 30-year Treasury bond down to 5.93 percent from a high of 6.09

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Petroleum had prepared, then abanoniment is a reason to own stocks," 20/32. The yield was steady at 5.93 doned, plans to take over the U.S. said Bill Meehan, chief market anachemical maker. The previous clos- lyst at Cantor Fitzgerald, an instiminonal broker.

But bond prices slipped for the first time in four days amid concern that reports due this week - inwhile the Nasdag composite index cluding the April employment release - will show the economy is robust, raising new inflation fears.

"I don't see any signs of a slowdown in the labor market," said David Schroeder, a fund manager with American Century Investments in Mountain View, California.

There is a floor on how much yields can fail" until we see more evidence the economy is losing steam, he said. Brisk jobs growth raises the risk that employers will be forced to pay higher wages to attract workers, bolstering inflation.

The price of the benchmark 30year Treasury bond fell 1/32, to 102 works.

Shares in K-Tel International soared amid the mania for Internetrelated businesses. The music company recently announced plans to sell its products on-line and acquired the rights to publish Billboard's weekly charts of best-selling music and videos on the Internet.

Cisco Systems rose 11/2 to 75 after the computer-networking company said it would buy Class Data Sys-tems for about \$50 million. Class Data is a closely held company that makes software to help network managers allocate computer resources according to a company's policies and priorities.

Sprint rose 11/4 to 69 9/16 after the phone-company and IBM said they would form a parmership to switch businesses to more advanced net-

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Delaying '98' Will Hurt Industry, Microsoft Says

WASHINGTON — Microsoft Corp., facing government antitrust action, warned Wall Street on Monday that any delay in the release of

Windows 98 operating system would carry "broad, negative consequences" for the entire personalcomputer industry.
In a letter to about 150 stock ana-

lysts, software companies and venture capitalists, the company's chief financial officer, Greg Maffei, said Microsoft was not sure whether the Justice Department or state attorneys general would try to interfere with the introduction of Windows 98.

But he said the purpose of his letter was to "outline the possible financial ramifications of such regulatory action" and to warn that "regulatory authorities should not ignore the broad, two-way nature of the benefits that flow from our business."

The warning resembled in tone a of 26 top U.S. technology companies, including the chairmen of Intel Corp., Dell Computer Corp., Com-Computer Corp. and Hewlett-Packard Co.

Those executives also warned against any efforts to delay the ship- the dominance of its Windows opment of Windows 98, the \$109 up-erating systems to stifle competition ing the product. (AP. Bloomberg)

runs virtually all home computers. The upgrade is expected to be sent within weeks to computer makers and to reach retail shelves June 25.

Some economists have disputed the warnings, saying that any damage resulting from delays would be likely letter signed last week by executives to be limited to a handful of hightechnology companies. Some of Microsoft's critics argue that there is no evidence that any major harm would

come from a delay in Windows 98. The Justice Department is investigating whether Microsoft has used

grade to the system software that illegally. The agency also has com-runs virtually all home computers. plained that Microsoft illegally forces computer makers that sell Windows 95 to also sell Microsoft's Internet browser.

Microsoft is bundling its browser within Windows 98, raising the question of whether federal or state law-enforcement officials might try to block the sale of the software.

Microsoft said it would hold a news conference Tuesday in New York at which its chairman, Bill Gates, and the chief executive of Compaq, Eckhard Pfeiffer, would discuss the consequences of delay-

Arco Agrees to Buy Union Texas

lantic Richfield Co. agreed annually by cutting jobs and Monday to buy Union Texas using less equipment to ex-\$3.3 billion in cash and as-sumed debt to try to increase the globe. About 90 percent the companies have neigh- Arco has invested heavily.

boring projects.

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shares jumped \$8.0625 on Monday to close at \$28,5625. Atlantic Richfield fell \$1.375 to \$79.0625. Arco said the \$2.47 billion in cash and the assumption of \$830 million in

debt and stock. Arco said it LOS ANGELES — At- expected to save \$85 million Petroleum Holdings Inc. for ploit the companies' oil and oil production and cut costs in of Union Texas's oil and gas the parts of the world where holdings are near sites where

Union Texas has agreed to Arco will pay \$29 a share the acquisition, and Kohlfor Union Texas, whose berg, Kravis, Roberts & Co., which owns 25.6 percent of Union Texas, has agreed to tender its shares. The deal is expected to "modestly" transaction would include lower earnings through next year, Michael Bowlin, Arco's

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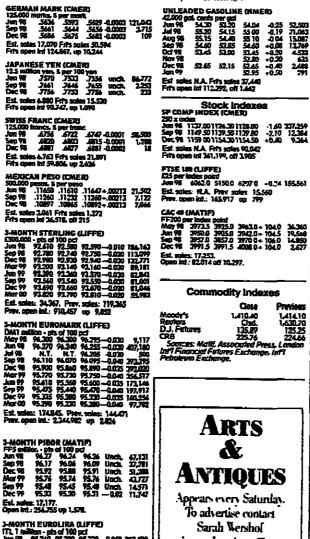
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When Mr. Hopp steps down from

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become chairman of the company's

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(\$3.36 billion) in sales in 1997, SAP

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Its sales last year grew 62 percent, its profit rose 63 percent, and its share price soared from 207 DM to 572

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• Worldspace Corp. will invest \$500 million in a digital • Hoechst AG posted a 14 percent decline in first-quarter operating profit, to 888 million Deutsche marks (\$494.8 million) but said that on a comparable basis it expected this

Reuters, Bloomberg

Panasonic Said to Hit French Snag STRASBOURG - A tribunal in the Paris suburb of

Bobigny has barred Panasonic France from laying off the 130 workers at its videocassette recorder factory in Longwy in eastern France, a legal source said Monday.

Paris Agrees

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To Sell More **Bank Assets**

BRUSSELS --- The French government has agreed to sell additional Credit Lyonnais assets in return for regulatory approval of state aid, a European Commission spokesman

The spokesman said Paris also had agreed that the eventual privatization of the bank would be

'nondiscriminatory.''
In Paris, the Finance Ministry declined to comment except to say that

francs (\$102.9 billion) of new assets, including its German subsidiary, BfG, and Credit Lyonnais Belgium.

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"They have asked to keep Lonthe commission said.

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said Monday.

progress had been made in resolving the long-running dispute. An EU spokesman said France had approved the sale of 620 billion

The daily Le Monde reported that officials have Weekly. The authorities plan to Asian suppliers. At the same time, the government would sell more asspeed the approval process for for- Chinese banks have authorized greatsets in the United States and Asia and reduce the bank's size in France Looking at China's overall ecoin exchange for the right to maintain nomic outlook, Mr. Xu said he was its presence in London and Luxports to other Asian nations fell, in- most concerned about falling de-

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weak," he said. "As a rule of thumb, The European competition commissioner, Karel Van Miert, said ter, because producers try everything substantial progress had been made with the French authorities over the 'Overall, its a mixed picture," he rescue plan for Credit Lyonnais.

'Certain points still have to be clarified," a spokesman for Mr. Van Miert said, adding that talks would continue over the next week.

The European Commission is to issue a definitive ruling on the bank's future May 20, having warned Paris that it may be prevented from injecting any more state funds into Credit Lyonnais unless it comes up with an aid package ap-

In addition to the asset sales, the commission wants the government to cut Credit Lyonnais's French activities by 22.5 percent and privatize the bank, as a previous French government agreed to do by 1998 in exchange for a 45 billion-franc aid package in 1993.

French banks have complained to Brussels that state support for Credit Lyonnais gives it an unfair advantage. In Paris, the bank's shares closed at 647 francs, up 52.

"With an agreement in the pipeline, there will be no more talk of Lyonnais's bankruptcy," said Philippe Ricarte, analyst at Trans-

rate seems slow in China after years vestment Research Center in lems, some overseas buyers have ship has to act on their stimulus package and they have to act quickly." of double-digit economic growth. Beijing, told China Business been reluctant to switch to Southeast DEAL: AIG Chief Wins Delay in Malaysian Unit Sell-Off

eign investment projects and to re- er lending to domestic exporters.

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During the negotiations, Asian be kick-started," said Alex Lee, and Mr. Lee's company, Software diplomats and WTO officials accused the United States of putting

STUTTGART — Daimler-Benz AG, Germany's largest industrial company, said Monday it was considering building another car plant to keep pace

are being stretched to the limit of their capacity by rising orders, the chief of its car division, Juergen Hubbert, said. He did not say how much

money might be invested in building a new plant or where it might be, but he indicated that it probably would be built in Germany or a neighboring country.

Daimler Considers New Auto Plant

Reuters

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Daimler-Benz's car plants

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French temporary employment rose 40 percent in March, to 436,475 people, as companies hired more people on a flexible basis to help meet stronger domestic demand and a rise in orders from overseas.

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WORLD STOCK MARKETS

about to change the face of its

executive office, which has been probably Germany's best example

Dietmar Hopp, co-founder and

co-chief executive, will step down

at the company's annual meeting Thursday from the post he has held

since he and three other executives

founded the company 26 years ago.

But the company itself is laying

plans to maintain or speed up its

player in so-called enterprise soft-

ware, a niche of programs for run-

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investment as measured by new

ations in neighboring countries,

China is still a favored spot for for-

eign investment," he said. "We ex-

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other countries more competitive,

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political situations make China look

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chairman of a Malaysian software

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SAP is the world's dominant

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Monday, May 4

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SAP's Juggernaut Moves Into a Faster Lane

have been a lot of smaller fast-growing software companies. He to succeed Mr. Hopp as co-chief

CHINA: Exports and Foreign Investment Rise Despite Neighbors' Devaluations

But economic planners remain in those countries have been unable

recovery fund. The sweetener for the divestiture clause but did not suc-

than 30 percent of a domestically Treasury Department and the Office

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managers in Germany that software

is not necessarily a U.S. product."
Yet, as Mr. Hopp leaves, SAP

still faces challenges in reordering

its internal structure to maintain

growth and in adding thousands of

executive, was quoted as saying

Monday that the rapid creation of 15 or more teams to focus on soft-

ware solutions for specific indus-

tries was the company's primary

sume tariff and tax exemptions.

In the first quarter, Chinese ex-

ports to Japan. But exports to Europe

United States climbed 14 percent.

grew 35 percent, and those to the

Southeast Asian nations that de-

valued their currencies may have

expected to increase exports quickly,

but economists say many exporters

Aware of possible supply prob-

the entire deal at risk to protect the

secretariat said that American nego-tiators were being pushed by the U.S.

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ment on these allegations.

At the time, officials at the WTO

Mr. Greenberg declined to com-

But in a letter to the Journal of

Commerce, he wrote, "The goal of

the WTO negotiations is to bring

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"What Diermar Hopp did was a wake-up call that said, 'Hey, this is said.

possible in Germany," said Joachim Rissmann, chief of Intel

Corp.'s Central European opera-

tions in Munich. "In his wake there

have been a lot of smaller fast-

helped them see that they can start

in Germany."
SAP is "among the most im-

portant software companies world-

wide, and it was done in Ger-

ware, a niche of programs for running businesses, and a prototype many," said Stephan Schambach, challenge this year. At the same president of Intershop Communitime, SAP plans to add about 5,000

voiced concern that if the economy

slows further, it could cause social

disorder. China's wrenching change

from a planned economy to a market

system has already cost tens of mil-

To avoid such a slowdown,

Beijing has pledged to spend \$750 billion to \$1 trillion on a vast pro-

gram of public works projects over

the next three years, though some

economists have expressed doubt

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Mr. Mahathir was the announce-

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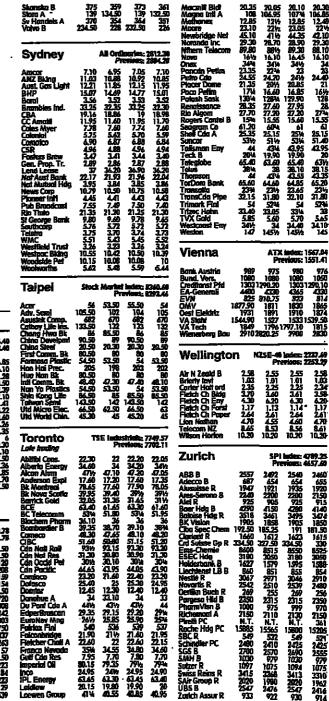
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Region Struggles Toward an Updated Bankruptcy Code

By Philip Segal

HONG KONG - For thousands bankrupt Asian companies, battered by financial crises and sorely in need of foreign money, a series of bankruptcy laws being enacted across the region marks only the beginning of what promises to United States and other Western be a long, painful recovery.

Previously burdened with antiquated bankruptcy statutes that presented liquidation as the only real option for troubled companies and discouraged restructuring or new investment, Thailand, Indonesia and South Korea have rushed new bankruptcy laws into place in work the way they are intended,

etary Fund.
Their new laws have one key principle in common: to make it easier for insolvent companies to adequately?" asked Bill Rochelle, restructure and return to running economically viable businesses. Part of this involves striking a delicate balance, as is the case in the countries, between the right of debtors to take time to reorganize and refinance their businesses and the right of creditors to foreclose on debts that have no reasonable chance of being paid.

But many analysts question whether the bankruptcy laws will the last several months at the in- given the absence of a large body of

sistence of the accumational Mon-experienced judges and lawyers.

to handle the insolvency problem who monitors Asian bankruptcies in New York for the U.S. law firm Fulbright & Jaworski.

Since bad banking and poor management were largely responsible for triggering the Asian financial crisis in the first place, the region's companies and bankruptcy courts face a protracted struggle to restructure.

"I see a 10-year process from beginning to end," Mr. Rochelle said. Lawyers are concerned that too many procedural matters are left to the discretion of judges, who could which comes into effect in three be more open to delays and corrupt months, creditors are to gain greater

How can any of those countries and time limits were written into the possibly have enough professionals

For U.S. creditors in Asia. a major concern is "how effective and fair the court systems will be in applying the law," said Larry Engel, a San Francisco-based bankruptcy specialist at the law firm Brobeck,

Phleger & Harrison. When it comes to Indonesia, "the court system is slow and unpredictable and not independent," said Richard Levin, a lawyer with Skad-den, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom and one of the drafters of the 1978 U.S. Bankruptcy Code. Under Indonesia's new bankruptcy law,

influences than if stricter procedures rights to go after money owed them by bankrupt companies. In Thailand, which also has a new bankruptcy law, there are similar

'The court system leaves quite a

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lot to be desired, "said Simon Walker, an international partner with O'Melveny & Myers in Hong Kong. As a foreigner, you can't be sure to get a fair hearing against a Thai." Among the countries making the most progress on bankruptcy reform so far is South Korea, according to Wilbur Ross, a senior managing director at Rothschild Inc. in New York and one of the leading U.S. buyers of distressed debt. Rothschild has been retained by Halla Group, South Korea's 12th-largest

help Halla restructure. After organizing mergers and acquisitions of some of Halla's most viable businesses, Rothschild intends to redeem its loans from future foreign investors.

chaebol, or conglomerate, and has

arranged a \$1 billion dollar loan to

South Korea's new law "is moving them a little closer to the U.S. model," which allows bankrups companies three months to propose

a restructuring plan. Mr. Ross said. Until the passage of the new law, there had been no concept in South Korea of what is known as debtor-inpossession financing, which allows distressed companies to reorganize while maintaining control of their

Commonly, under such a system which is in use in the United States and other countries — investors in the distressed companies gain priority status among credit-

Without such a rule, insolvent companies found that money was virtually unobtainable, and they tended to move straight into liquidation due to a lack of working capital.

Mr. Ross said Rothschild would soon be closing South Korea's first real debtor-in-possession financing. in which Halla's Mando Machinery division is expected to receive \$20 million in new money, collateralized by accounts receivable.

But South Korea has not established effective rules to govern how long an insolvent company can remain protected from its creditors without proposing a viable reorganization plan. The new law in Indonesia sets

time limits, Mr. Ross said, but provides few sanctions if those limits are not met. "It gives the debtor the thing that creditors fear the most: the ability to tie things up in court indefinitely," he said.



Very briefly:

 Shinsegae Department Store Ltd. of South Korea signed a contract with Costco Cos. of the United States for a \$100 million joint venture to operate discount stores. Terms call for Costco to own 94 percent of Costco Wholesale Korea and Shinsegae to hold the remaining 6 percent.

 Pohang Iron & Steel Co. will cut prices for steel used by South Korean exporters by as much as 15 percent, giving automakers and shipbuilders a competitive boost. To offset the price cut, the world's second-largest steel producer will raise the domestic price of some products.

· Hyundai Motor Co., South Korea's largest carmaker, said vehicle sales rose 17.3 percent in April from March as it introduced its Atoz minicar in the domestic market. Domestic vehicle sales jumped 29.9 percent from the previous month, to 34.161 vehicles, while exports were up 10.5 percent, at 54,161

 Malaysia's prime minister, Mahathir bin Mohamad, said he would not force foreign insurers to reduce their stakes in local operations for five years. Foreign insurance companies that own more than 51 percent of their Malaysian operations must cut their stakes to 51 percent in line with last November's World Trade Organization agreement on financial services.

• Standard & Poor's Corp. lowered its outlook on the ratings of Tenaga Nasional Bhd.; analysts said the ringgit's decline was straining the Malaysian power utility's finances.

• Hong Kong Telecommunications Ltd.'s net profit rose 52 percent, to 17.02 billion Hong Kong dollars (\$2.2 billion). helped by a government payment of 6.7 billion as compensation for agreeing to give up its overseas monopoly.

• Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. said it was likely to join an airline alliance but did not say when or with whom a deal might be concluded. "I think we are now more convinced than ever of the benefits of an alliance," a spokesman said.

• Wing On Department Store Ltd. of Hong Kong will dismiss 270 workers in its nine stores because of the slump in retail sales in Hong Kong. Bloomberg, Reuters, AP, AFP

Fears of Seoul Unrest Cause Stocks and Won to Tumble

Compiled by the Staff From Disputcher

SEOUL — Threats of tough government action against illegal strikes and demonstrations fanned fears of additional labor unrest and prompted stocks and the South Korean won to fall sharply Monday

Investors are worried labor unrest will continue and worsen, as militant unions have threatened to students demanding job security. hold mass strikes this month," a Daewoo Securities dealer said. In olent protest seen in South Korea the absence of government measures to help the market, and with President Kim Dae Jung. 'only negative news coming out." he said, investors "believe the market will fall further.

14.73 points lower at 391.80. It was landmark agreement in February the first time the index had dropped below the 400-point level since Jan. overcome the economic crisis. when it finished at 396.49. The South Korean currency also weakened, with the dollar rising to 1,346 won from 1,225 won Friday.

Analysts said a batch of depressing economic indicators announced late in April also boded ill for the market. The National Statistical Office said last week the unemployment rate soared to 6.5 percent in March, the highest since the mid-1980s. Industrial output dropped 10.1 percent from a year earlier, and capacity utilization in the manufacturing sector fell to 65.2 percent from 80.8 percent forces with organized labor. a year earlier

"Given the circumstances, the student campaign," a presidential GDP growth will be well below zero spokesman, Park Jie Won, said.___ for the first quarter of this year,"

said Iwa Sung Hee, president of the state-funded Korea Economic Research Institute

The South Korean prosecutors' office warned of a crackdown against illegal strikes and vowed to punish organizers of May Day protests that erupted into violence involving about 22,000 workers and

The riot Friday was the most visince the inauguration in February of

South Korean unions have accused businesses of sacrificing workers and refusing to undertake reform The Seoul composite index closed efforts themselves, in violation of a about sharing the pain nationally to

Analysts said workers' discontent over soaring unemployment would only grow stronger, as the country had barely begun its radical industrial restructuring efforts.

"There seems to be no one who can stop the situation from deteriorating," said Lee Hahn Koo, president of Daewoo Economic Research Institute. A statement issued from the pres-

idential residence, the Blue House, on Monday said the government would not tolerate students joining 'There cannot be a unified labor-



COMPACTED DISKS — A steamroller finishing off 40,000 pirated CDs at a Singapore ceremony organized by the government and the movie, music and software industries.

Canberra Court Backs Rehiring Dockers

CANBERRA The 1,400 Auso an dockworkers who were fired en masse in April appeared Monday to have brokered to get the companies that em-

ployed them operating again.
The Australian High Court stood by a lower court ruling ordering the reinstatement of the dockworkers, who were dismissed four weeks ago by Lang Corp.'s Patrick Stevedores unit.

Patrick said it would provide 3.6 million Australian dollars (\$2.3 million) needed to restart operations at four subsidiaries that have been placed in administration, a form of voluntary receivership.

But the court also untied the hands of the accountants appointed as administrators of the subsidiaries, so the units Patrick had closed seven small termin-

SINGAPORE — The International

Monetary Fund opened its first Asian

training institute here Monday to provide

policy-related economics training to

government officials in the region that is

tor of the IMF, said it was a precursor of

similar training centers in other parts of

He said the IMF-Singapore Regional Training Institute would be a joint effort

with the Singapore government to establish a 'new vehicle for helping coun-

tries in Asia and the Pacific develop

economic community faces the chal-

lenges posed by globalization, the need

for training in macroeconomic policy-

making as well as fiscal, financial and external sector reforms and economic

statistics has become even more im-

He predicted that Asia would emerge

He said that although the region's

from its current crisis stronger and as a

Mr. Camdessus added, "As the world

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Michel Camdessus, managing direc-

now embroiled in an economic crisis.

IMF's Singapore Training Site

(Reuters, AFP)

After dismissing the workers April 7, Patrick used private security guards and won a legal victory after a deal was attack dogs to move them off the docks. It replaced them with 400 nonunion contract workers. Patrick asserted that union labor was inefficient.

The dismissals set off an occasionally violent dispute that stranded goods valued at a total of about 500 million dollars in about 10,000 containers as unionists picketed ports around Australia.

Bill Butterell, one of the administrators, said the first small group of dock workers, members of the Maritime Union of Australia, would be back on the wharves Tuesday morning.

But he said not all 1,400 union members would get their jobs back, because ting staff numbers. He must satisfy

economic troubles were still not over.

there was a strong commitment in many

"The crisis is not yet over, but we are turning the corner," Mr. Carndessus

said. He said Asia's recent experiences had highlighted the risks facing coun-

tries tapping global capital markets.

He said reforms of markets and in-

Asia stronger and eventually able to re-

turn to the high rates of economic growth

improve their policies, strengthen do-

mestic institutions and governance and

thereby strengthen the foundations for sustained, high-quality growth."
He said Asia had long been an example of the benefits of globalization but

that some of its extensive capital inflows

had not been invested wisely. In 1996, the region attracted almost half of the

\$235 billion in private capital flows to

developing and transitional economies.

(AFP, Reuters)

it saw before the crisis.

quarters to solve the problems.

can be closed if they are not econom- als. Late last month, the Federal Court, spiracy, issued an interim order requiring the administrators to re-employ all 1,400 workers, but Patrick appealed that decision to the High Court.

Mr. Butterell, a liquidator with the specialist accounting firm Grant Thornton, became a key player in the dispute when the seven-member High Court panel changed the Federal Court decision and gave the administrators the flexibility to employ as many dockers, or as few, as it needed to run the units

Mr. Butterell has until May 25 to get the four units running again with union workers while brokering a long-term deal changing work practices and cutbanks that the units can be run prof-

itably.

"Either he can put together a set of arrangements that makes these companies viable or they will be put into liquidation," Chris Corrigan, the chairman of Patrick Stevedores, said.

If Mr. Butterell fails, all 1,400 workers will lose their jobs permanently.

■ Record Australian Trade Deficit

Australia posted its largest monthly trade deficit on record in March, a development that one economist described as a "wake-up call" about the likely effects of the Asian financial crisis, Reu ters reported from Sydney. stitutions being undertaken across the region would be painful but would leave Official data showed a deficit of 1.33

billion dollars in trade in goods and services, compared with a deficit of 462 million dollars in February.

The March deficit was more than He said Asia would "again be a double market expectations of 555 milshowcase" not just of growth or capital lion dollars. inflows but "of what countries can do to

"We have been arguing for three or four months that Asia has been quite severely impacting our export figures," said Tony Meer, an economist at Deutsche Morgan Grenfell in Sydney. "A lot of people have been deluding themselves that it hasn't, so maybe this will be a wake-up call."

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Hong Kong Growth Rate Slides

HONG KONG - Economic growth here slowed dramatically in the final quarter of last year as the Asian financial crisis took its toll, according to government data released Monday. took its toll, according to government data released Monday.
The economy grew 2.7 percent in the fourth quarter from a year earlier, compared with revised growth figures of 6.0 percent in the third quarter and 6.8 percent in the second quarter.

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demonstrations in Beijing.
Still, many economists had expected an even lower growth figure, about 2.3 percent, for the fourth quarter, based on a figure, about 2.3 percent, for the fourth quarter, based on a government estimate that gross domestic product for all of 1997 would be 5.2 percent larger than in 1996. The Census and 1997 would be 5.2 percent larger than GDP grew 5.3 percent 1997.

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Un Petit Miracle

ICE HOCKEY France upset the United States, 3-1, in Zurich on Monday at the World Ice Hockey Championships, seriously damaging the Americans' chances of advancing to the second round. France is coached by Herb Brooks, who led the U.S. to its "miracle on ice" - gold in the 1980 Olympics. After this upset, France is in a po-

sition to reach the second round. "I'm happy for the French guys, but I go a long way back in the coaching ranks with the U.S.," said Brooks. 'We got some bounces

In Basel, Alexei Kovalev scored the first hat trick of the tournament as Russia gained a hard-fought 7-5 victory over Latvia to clinch a second-round berth.



Jonathan Battaglia celebrating after putting the United States ahead against France.

Local Knowledge Helps

SAILING Chessie Racing, the local boat, led the Whitbread fleet out of Chesapeake Bay on Monday on the second day of the penultimate leg of the round-the-world race to La Rochelle, France.

The fleet started the leg in Annapolis on Sunday and experienced mostly light head winds as it battled down through the bay's tricky wa-

Eagles Land for Duval

GOLF David Duval made a pair of eagles as he came from five shots back with eight holes to play to win the Houston Open.
Duval shot an 8-under 64 for a 12-

under 276 total to beat Jeff Maggert by one stroke Sunday and earned \$360,000 to take the lead in the money list with \$1,240,805. (AP)

NCAA Fined \$22 Million

The NCAA, which runs top U.S. college sports, was fined more than \$22 million by a federal jury Monday for restricting the earnings of some coaches in violation of antitrust laws. The fine could be trebled because the case is an antitrust lawsuit.

FBI Watched Mantle

BASEBALL The FBI kept a file on Mickey Mantle while he was playing for the New York Yankees that shows he was threatened by gam-blers and was blackmailed for having an affair, a U.S. television station has reported.

The file contains a report that in 1956 Mantle was blackmailed by an unidentified person for \$15,000 after being caught in a "compromising situation" with a married woman, the station said. A 1963 entry has a source telling the FBI that Mantle received telephone calls from a known gambler. The file also has a 1960 letter to Mantle threatening to shoot his knees.

Wayne Miller, a lawyer for the Mantle family, said: "They were dumbfounded the FBI would be looking into Mickey back in the mid-1950s."

WORLD ROUNDUP Battered by the Sport, **Graf May Call It Quits**

'A Bowl of Strawberries, and Then, Good-Bye'

By Christopher Clarey International Herald Tribune

Steffi Graf has fooled us often in recent years: winning Grand Slam events with little or no match preparation and despite considerable pain in her back, knees and private life. She was and remains that gifted, but she will fool no one in Paris this year.

On Monday, her representatives were busy finalizing her withdrawal from the French Open because of the latest in a litany of injuries. She already had withdrawn from the Italian and German Opens. Her participation in Wimbledon, where she has won seven of her 21 Grand Slam singles titles, is in question, but what is no longer in question is that the end of one of the greatest careers in sports history is now near enough to justify nostalgia.

Graf conceded as much in an interview published in Germany on Monday. "To play a good tournament in Wimbledon once again, eat a bowl of strawberries and then say good-bye, that would suit me," she told the magazine Focus. "I've come to the point where I can clearly see the end of my career because I have the feeling I'm not making any progress."

Tennis has long been a deceptively

grueling sport. Anybody who ever attempted to stretch and hit a forehand with a wooden racket knows that it has always been hard on the arm, and the best men's players in the postwar era actually played more matches than today's stars (they also played doubles). But the proliferation of hardcourt events at the expense of grass and clay has put more stress on player's bodies, as have constant travel, the speed of the game and the development of new stroke techniques based on torque and hip rotation instead of fluid, less violent weight transfer.

Despite the quantum leaps in sports medicine, it is telling that shortly after Marcelo Rios of Chile became No. 1 in the men's computer rankings, strained tendons in his left elbow forced him to stop playing for a month. Rios, 22, will return to action this week at the Super 9 event in Hamburg after missing three consecutive claycourt events because of his elbow injury. 'When I came back, it was a little bit

sore, but I'm feeling much better," he said Monday. "I'll take it carefully. It

was a bad injury."

Graf has had enough of playing and

practicing on eggshells. She has been suffering from bone spurs for much of the last five years, and she first missed significant time because of her back in late 1994 and early 1995. Since then, she has had to follow a daily regimen of physical therapy and stretching. That regimen did not keep her from winning six more Grand Slam singles titles, and she even managed to win Wimbledon and the United States Open in 1996 after injuring her right knee during practice. The injury would later be diagnosed as a torn tendon and required surgery after last year's French Open. Since then, she has not played in a Grand Slam event and

Tennis, which had become a refuge during her and her father's long-running tax problems in Germany, could no longer provide a haven. Her most recent appearance was in Indian Wells in March, where in the third set of a remarkably competitive match against Lindsay Davenport she strained her left hamstring and had to default. After another forced break, she returned to practice five weeks later and developed

has played in only two tournaments.

swelling in her right ankle. Graf with a chronically sore back can still play like Graf. Graf with multiple leg injuries cannot.

'I will prepare carefully for the next attempt," she told Focus. "But if I can't establish any continuity in my practice or tournament schedule, I will give

If Graf were to retire after Wimble-don or the U.S. Open, her timing would be fine. Women's tennis was once utterly dependent on her brilliance even though the yawning talent gap between her and most of her pursuers did not make for great theater. But the women's game has grown

deeper and more diverse in the last two years. Enough so that Graf no longer has to shoulder all the weight. For a natural introvert like Graf, that is not necessarily unwelcome, and according to those close to her, she is enjoying the game as much as ever. The problem is that her body won't

allow her to play the game much any-more, and Margaret Court's all-time record of 24 Grand Slam singles titles, which once looked eminently accessible to Graf, now must look like a nine-foot bar to a high jumper.

Whether or not Graf clears it is immaterial. Her record, her forehand and her fortitude are beyond reproach.



WORLD CUP WARM-UP — Linval Dixon, left, a Jamaica defender, tackling Ami Jaber, a Saudi Arabia striker, Monday during a game between the two World Cup teams in front of 500 fans in Cannes. The match ended 0-0.

Coaches Fired in Paris and Madrid

PARIS - Although the club season has not yet ended, impatient presidents

across Europe started throwing their old coaches overboard Monday.

Alain Giresse was named the new coach of Paris St. Germain on Monday

in place of Ricardo, the Brazilian who led the club to victory in both domestic French cups this season. In Spain, Raddy Antic was deposed as coach of Atletico Madrid. He will be

replaced by Arrigo Sacchi, the former Italian national team coach. Giresse, a former French international

midfielder, is expected to sign a three-year contract. He is now coach at Toulouse, which is struggling near the bottom of the French first division. His appointment raised anew the question of who will replace Aime Jacquet, the French national coach, who has said he will resign after the World Cup. Giresse had been one of the favorites for that job. "PSG is not a wealthy club for posh

people," said Charles Bierry, the incoming club president. "Giresse is a symbol of what we'll be trying to do.' Jesus Gil, the Atletico president, said

Antic's departure after four seasons had been caused by irreconcilable differ-

"If the players were looking forward to seeing him go, now they know he's leaving and can relax," said Gil. Antic led Atletico to its first league title in 19 years in 1996. With just two

games to play this season Atletico is ninth in the league. "It's the best thing SOCCER ROUNDUP

for myself and for the club. These things happen in this job. The soccer world is like this," he said.

Sacchi led Italy to the World Cup final against Brazil in 1994 but has been without a job since being fired by AC Milan last year. ENGLAND Manchester United eased

some of its pain at relinquishing the Premier League title by beating visiting Leeds United, 3-0, on Monday. Ryan Giggs, Denis Irwin and David Beckham scored for United. Leeds remained fifth and is likely to gain a place in next season's UEFA Cup.

ISPAREL Gavri Levy, the Israel Football
Association chairman, said officials were

investigating allegations that Hapoel Beit She'an deliberately lost to Betar Jerusalem on Saturday to ensure that Hapoel

Tel Aviv did not win the league.
Betar scored in the dying seconds to

beat Beit She'an, 3-2. With one game to play, Betar leads Hapoel Tel Aviv by one point. Hapoel Beit She'an is alleged to have thrown the game because its players and fans, like those of Betar Jerusalem, are generally of Middle Eastern and North African origin, while Hapoel Tel Aviv is identified with: Ashkenazi (European) Jews. WORLD CUP South Korea is likely to

go ahead with a 200 billion won (\$150.4 million) stadium for the 2002 World. Cup finals, the Korea Times quoted a presidential source Monday as saying.

The official said a recent poll showed 60 percent of South Koreans favored building a stadium. Government officials had said that because of the financial crisis the country should seek a cheaper alternative and had suggested that the Chamsil Olympic Stadium in Seoul could be renovated.

South Korea will be co-host of the World Cup with Japan.

• Tickets for seven more 1998 World Cup matches have sold out, tournament organizers said Monday. Those matches are: Colombia-Tunisia, France-South Africa, Italy-Cameroon, Jamaica-Croatia. Netherlands-South Korea, Saudi Arabia-Denmark and South Africa-Denmark. (IHT, AFP, Reuters, AP)

In Kentucky Derby, a Not-So-Quiet Victory for the Little Guy

ences with the players.

By Jay Privman

LOUISVILLE, Kentucky - In a sport where yearling horses often cost more than a four-bedroom house, Real Quiet was a fixer-upper in a rundown neighborhood. He had a crooked right front leg and a moderate

pedigree, and was sold at auction in a cattle call that finds nearly 3,000 horses going through the sales ring in a week.

He could have been just another of the non-descript racehorses that fill the everyday cards at tracks throughout the United States, anonymous runners better known for their saddle-cloth numbers
--- "Come on, No. 4" --- rather than their names.
But on Saturday at Churchill Downs, Real Quiet

was the best horse of his class. Not only did the 3-year-old colt win the 124th Kentucky Derby, but Real Quiet scored one for the little guys by beating horses with fancy pedigrees and high price tags, including one that cost \$525,000 as a yearling. What Real Quiet needed to get to this level was

the faith of the trainer Bob Baffert and his close advisers, the brothers J. B. and Kevin McKathan, who picked Real Quiet out of that crowded yearling sale.

The McKathans, who are based in Ocala, Florida, are the ones who also found Silver Charm, the Kentucky Derby winner last year, for Baffert.

Silver Charm was purchased privately as an unraced 2-year-old for \$85,000. Real Quiet cost just \$17,000. So for a little more than \$100,000,

these scouts have done the equivalent of twice drafting the league's most valuable player with late-round choices. "Now the pressure's really on them," Baffert said, referring to the McKathans. "I don't make a

move without these guys."

Real Quiet is a son of the sire Quiet American, whose biggest victory came in the 1990 New York

Racing Association Mile at Aqueduct. His stud fee this year is \$20,000, a moderate

price in today's market. Real Quiet's dam is the mare Really Blue, a daughter of Believe It. She won just three of 21 starts during her racing career and produced five foals before Real Quiet. Her progeny have won a

combined five times in 33 starts. Real Quiet was one of 2,949 yearlings sold in Lexington, Kentucky, at the 1996 Keeneland September Sale, the poor man's counterpart to the glitzy Keeneland July Sale. The average price those horses brought was \$46,978. That year, in all

sales in North America, five yearlings cost more than \$1 million, and another 45 cost at least \$500,000. By comparison, Real Quiet's \$17,000 is a pittance. "He toed out pretty bad," J. B. McKathan said, referring to the way Real Quiet's right front leg makes a detour to the right just below the ankle. "But he travels through it pretty well. From the time he has been in training, he's never had one problem.

Baffert said deciding whether to buy horses such as Real Quiet "depends on how they walk and depends on the price." "Sometimes you take a shot on a horse like this," Baffert said. "He had the right frame. And now he has filled out."

From the legs up, Real Quiet is an attractive horse. He has a healthy, bay-colored coat with a small white star on his forehead. Real Quiet has a long back, stands tall and is not

as thin as last year, when his narrow frame prompted Baffert to nickname him "The Fish."

The decision to buy Real Quiet was made in a matter of minutes. Baffert and the McKathans had positioned

themselves behind the sales ring and were scouting the half-dozen horses who were in a holding area. ready to be auctioned. "It's like, 'What do you think?' 'Yeah?' 'Let's

get him,' " J. B. McKathan said. Baffert and the McKathans were at that sale representing the owner Mike Pegram, who authorized them to buy several yearlings on his

behalf. But they had a budget. Pegram prefers to buy several moderately priced horses rather than one expensive horse, a strategy that Baffert endorses. "You've got to buy numbers," he said. "All you need is one good horse."

Several Kentucky Derby winners have been purchased for discount prices. Perhaps the most famous case is Seattle Slew, who won the 1977 Kentucky Derby en route to taking that year's Triple Crown. He cost just \$17,500 as a yearling. 'That's what makes the game intriguing." Pc-

gram said. "The little guy has a chance." Joe Dursa from The New York Times wrate:

Four of the first five finishers in the Kentucky Derby, headed by Real Quiet and Indian Charlie, were headed for the Preakness Stakes on Sunday. But only four other horses seemed certain to contest the race, leaving the second leg of the Triple: Crown with a field of eight probable starters — and room for more.

Victory Gallop, the Derby runner up, will probably skip the Preakness and wait for the Belmont Stakes three weeks after that, according to his trainer, Elliott Walden. But Halory Hunter, who . finished fourth in the Derby, and Cape Town, who finished fifth, were booked into Pimlico Race. Course in Baltimore, where the Preakness will be run on May 16.

The Belmont Stakes, the third race in the Triple Crown, will be held at Belmont Park in New York on June 6.

On the fence for the Preakness are Parade Ground, sixth in the Derby: Old Trieste, who ran 10th, and Chilito, 11th.

Apart from those graduates of the Derby, only four horses seemed likely to shoot for the Preak-

ness purse, which was raised this year to \$1 million, matching the money in the Derby. They are Comic Strip, winner of the Louisiana Derby and the Risen Star, Classic Cat, who won the Lexington Stakes at Keeneland two weeks ago; Hot Wells, winner of the Southwest Stakes in February but fifth in the Rebel and fourth in the Arkansas Derby since then, and Monk's Falcon, a Maryland colt who ran third in the Federico Tesio Stakes at Pimlico two weeks ago.

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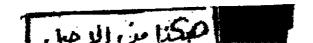
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Aging Houston Loses, **Ending Drexler's Career**

By Joe Drape

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was not exactly the way that had some numbers on their Clyde Drexler wanted to end his Hall of Fame professional career: 1-for-13 from the field, 4-for-10 from the foul line, 6 points. But those were not the numbers that undid Drexler and the Houston Rockets on Sunday. These were: Bryon Rus-

sell, 27 years old, and Greg Ostertag, 25. Over five critical fourthquarter minutes, the Utah

Jazz's swingman and erratic

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center made the Rockets look their age. They combined for points, 6 rebounds, 5 blocked shots and 2 steals. Fresh legs and raging energy turned a 65-62 street fight of a game into an 84-70 rout that put the Jazz in the second round of the National Basketball Association playoffs against San Antonio.

be 37, into retirement as a player and into the collegiate coaching ranks at his alma mater, the University of

minutes and pains over a hard series, our injuries or our lack age, spring and wind began in of depth," he said. "We just couldn't make it happen

It was at once painful and

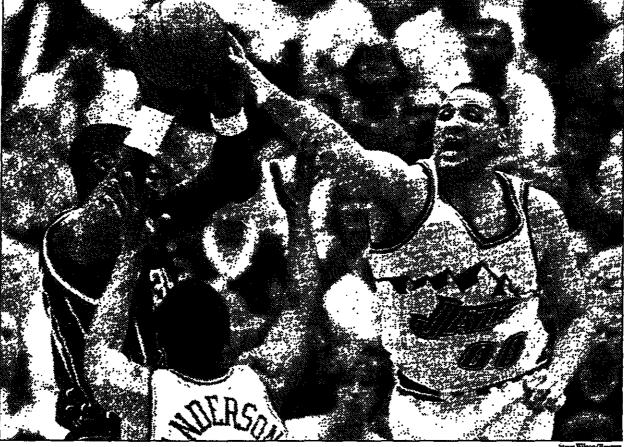
the second eighth-seeded team to eliminate a No. 1 in National Basketball Associ-SALT LAKE CITY — It ation playoff history. They ination was at stake, and, in Drexler and Hakeem Olaju-won, a pair of future Hall of Famers to go head-to-head

with the Jazz's pair, John Stockton and Karl Malone. But the Rockets had more against them. Charles Barkley was in a suit on the sidelines with a torn triceps in his right arm. Wounded on the front line were Kevin Willis, Mario Elie and Olajuwon

all 35 and all nursing

muscle pulls and bruises. The Rockets never led, nevand on the three occasions they got within 3 points, they looked like day-care workers run over by children at recess. Malone dropped points and punishing elbows in solid fashion: 31 points and 15 re-It also sent Drexler, soon to bounds. But Stockton did not get his first points until the final 3 minutes 30 seconds of the game, and finished with 4 and 10 assists.

The sequence that finally 'I don't know if it was the exposed the Rockets as a team with more heart than cartilthe fourth quarter after the reserve forward Eddie Johnson, himself just turned 39, willed a running jumper in



er could sustain momentum. Utah's Greg Ostertag, right, and Shandon Anderson, putting the heat on Houston's Hakeem Olajuwon.

ming home the rebound for a for being distracted this sea-

sell stripped Olajuwon, who had 15 points and was frustrated most of the day by that he could not explode into his jump hook or drop steps anymore after injuring his left knee in midseason. When the shot clock wound down to two seconds, Russell took a pass at the top of the key and hit a picture-perfect 3-pointer

. It was over the next 140

to extend the lead to 8.

blink, Ostertag was following Rockets for good. Ostertag, off the bench as he has done one at the half, scored just 10 Russell's missed dunk, slam- whom Malone has criticized recently. "We wanted to third-quarter points and finson, stood in the lane and On the defensive end, Rus- swatted away two of Olajuwon's point-blank dunk athim in there and we usually

tempts, to the roaring approval of the capacity crowd at the double tearns and by the fact Delta Center. Then he Sunday, The Associated Press rambled down the middle of reported: floor in time to catch one pass from Russell, return it and get it back for a rim-rattling fin-

It was Russell, however, game. The Jazz coach started the slasher and shooter, who inspiring to watch as the from the comer to cut the seconds, however, that Oster-finished with 10 points and 4

make them change ends more, get them up and down." Sloan said. "You get

have more energy. In another playoff game

Bulls 83, Hornets 70 In Chicago, Michael Jordan, with 35 points, and Scottie Pippen, with 25, totaled just 10 fewer than the entire Horfor changing the tempo of the away in the fourth quarter to win the opening game of their second round series.

Rockets tried to become only Jazz's lead to 65-62. In a tag and Russell wilted the steals, instead of bringing him a 30-15 lead but was up only shots.

time in three weeks.

four unearned runs.

seventh in nine games.

And the Bulls shut down burly Anthony Mason, who scored a playoff-best 29 points in a clinching firstround victory over Atlanta on whom Jerry Sloan singled out nets team, as the Bulls pulled Friday. Mason, banging inside with Dennis Rodman and sometimes facing double teams, managed just six Charlotte, which ran out to points and took only five

third-quarter points and finished with 32 in the second

Glen Rice, who shot poorly against the Bulls in four reg-ular-season games, led the Hornets with 25 points, but he the Eastern Conference semiwas just 9-of-25 from the finals.

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"I'm really happy for our guys because we've been carrying all these demons around, especially the older guys," said Ron Wilson, the Washington coach. "A lot of players sort of feel like our demons have been exor-Orioles 2, Twins 0 Mike Mussina allowed

two hits in 74 innings at Camden Yards in his return from the disabled list, and Baltimore The Capitals have blown two-game leads in postseason beat Minnesota to win a series for the first series four times since 1987, and talk of the past began swirling as soon as Washing-Mets 5, Rockies 2 In New York, John Olerud's sacrifice fly scored the go-ahead run ton went up 3-1 in this series. after two errors by Colorado's infield set up Boston won Game 5 in Washington, 4-0, but the Capitals New York's four-run eighth inning, helping remained relatively relaxed.

The rookie right wing inning. Todd Zeile added a three-run homer and Park (3-0) pitched two-hit ball over five itals into the lead with a goal 6:54 into the game, but the Bruins tied it 5½ minutes into the second period. Washington responded with a goal from the former Bruin Adam Oates 38 seconds later, but for said Kris Draper, a Detroit the fourth time in this series center. "We didn't have a 30the Capitals sputtered in the goal scorer, but we had a lot of

Anson Carter, a former more.'

Long Shot Pays For the Capitals

50-Footer by Bellows in Overtime Propels Washington to Round 2

By Rachel Alexander Washington Post Service

BOSTON - Brian Bellows's shot had a long way to travel — not just over the 50 feet of ice to the Boston Bruins' goal but over a decade of postseason trauma, a season of injuries and a young, ag-gressive team that had stretched the Washington Capitals in game after game of a best-of-seven National Hockey League first-round

It was a long way to go, but not too far. Bellows's shot, 15 minutes 24 seconds into over-Sunday,

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between the legs of the Bruins' goaltender, Byron Dafoe, hit the net and gave the Capitals not only a 3-2 victory in the game but a 4-2 victory in

It put the Capitals in the second round of the playoffs for the first time since 1994. They go into their series against the Ottawa Senators as the highest-seeded team in

The Montreal Canadiens eliminated the Pittsburgh Penguins on Sunday night, leaving the conference's top three regular season teams -No. 1 New Jersey, No. 2 Pittsburgh and No. 3 Philadelphia — out of the playoffs. Washington finished fourth and Ottawa eighth but it 3-1 against the Capitals. No. 6 Buffalo will meet No. 7 Montreal.

rors in the eighth, allowing the Mets to score easily, as nothing did in a secutive game and send the series that went into overtime Dodgers 10, Pirates 5 In Pittsburgh, Chan in three of the six games, Ho Park helped himself with a two-run double twice into double overtime.

third period.

Capital, ried the score at 2-2 with 10:47 remaining in regulation, giving Boston an enormous lift on the ice and in the stands. The Capitals waded through the rest of the period, then seemed lost at the beginning of overtime, letting the Bruins have chance after chance against Olaf Kolzig, who made 47 saves during the game. Washington was outshot by Boston 26-11 in the final two periods. The Bruins ended the series outshooting the Capitals, 239-160.

Ted Donato, the Boston left wing, hit a post early in overtime. Peter Bondra, the Washington forward, hit a post a few minutes later.

The Capitals got the shot that counted when Bellows let loose a slap shot from the right point that seemed to dip just before getting between Dafoe's pads and going into

We had too many chances in overtime that we missed, and I almost got that feeling that sooner or later something was going to turn the other way, Burns, the Boston coach. In other games. Sunday,

The Associated Press report-

Montreal, Andy Moog made 21 saves for his fourth career playoff shutout, while Mark Recchi, Jonas Hoglund and Saku Koivu scored for the Canadiens as they knocked out Pittsburgh, four games to two.
"This one was special."

Moog said.
"Now, anything's possi-ble," said Vincent Damphousse, the Montreal Captain. "The top three seeds are out. It just shows there's a lot of parity in the league right now.

Red Wings 5, Coyotes 2 In Phoenix, Brendan Shanahan scored two goals and Steve Yzerman had a goal and two assists as Detroit overpowered the Coyotes

The defending Stanley Cup champions advanced to the second round for the seventh straight postseason and will play either St. Louis or Colorado. Chris Osgood made 22 Coyotes to their seventh firstround exit in as many playoffs for the franchise since 1987.

The Red Wings outshot the Coyotes, 18-4, in the second period and scored three times to take a 4-2 lead into the third. Thirteen players scored for the Red Wings in the first round.
"We were that way all

through the regular season,' guys with 10 goals or

White Sox Beat Angels, 12-1, Snapping a Losing Streak Mariners history, and Randy Johnson (2-1) Giants 12, Braves 8 Rich Aurilia had the three errors in the first three innings.

Albert Belle broke out of his batting shump as the Chicago White Sox snapped their threegame losing streak.

Belle drove in six runs as Chicago won, 12-1, at Anaheim on Sunday night. "I hope this is the beginning of a continued offensive outburst. We should be more consistent," said Jerry Manuel, the Chicago man-

ager, sounding much like he did after his

team's previous victory, 16-7 over Baltimore sixth at Oakland on Wednesday.

run-scoring single in the first, made it 3-0 with until Scott Spiezio's leadoff homer in the a third-inning sacrifice fly and 6-0 with a sixth. Williams wound up allowing two runs three-run homer in the fifth, his sixth of the and four hits in seven innings with six season. Belle added a run scoring double in strikeouts and no walks. the sixth off Greg Cadaret.

Yankoes 10, Royals 1 In Kansas City, Paul O'Neill and Jorge Posada homered as the lies turned two double plays in the final three Yankees (20-6), off to their best start since 1958, won for the 19th time in 21 games.

won his second straight start. Edgar Martinez added a three-run homer

for Seattle, which led 10-2 after two innings. Indians 10, Devil Rays S Sandy Alomar hit a two-out, two-strike grand slam as Cleveland rallied from an 8-5 deficit in the ninth against

visiting Tampa Bay.
Paul Sorrento hit the first grand slam in Paul Sorrento hit the first grand slam in Cardinals 8, Cubs 5 In Chicago, Brian Tampa Bay history and went 4-for-5, driving Jordan and John Mabry homered as St. Louis in six runs.

the Toronto starter, did not allow a hit until the

A day after Roger Clemens took a no-hit Belle gave the White Sox a 1-0 lead with a bid into the seventh, Oakland did not get a hit

In National League games: Phillies 5, Astros 3 In Philadelphia, the Philinnings, including one started on a stellar effort by second baseman Mark Lewis, as it snapped

Ramiro Mendoza allowed three hits in sevinnings.

Houston's eight-game winning streak.

The Phillies' defensive gems helped make up for the two errors the Phillies made earlier in hit the first inside-the-park grand slam in the game and the three they made Saturday.

first two-homer game of his career, as San Francisco pounded Tom Glavine on its way to victory in Atlanta

Aurilía hit a solo homer in the third, a runscoring single in a four-run fourth and a tworun homer in the sixth to give Danny Darwin the victory.

overcame a three-run, sixth-inning deficit to

Mark McGwire, tied for second in the majors with 12 homers, was 0-for-3 with three strikeouts and two walks, raising his major league-leading total to 36.

Reds 5, Brewers 3 Brett Tomko (4-1) scattered eight hits in seven-plus innings and visiting Cincinnati made quick work of Cal

Eldred, who entered the game with a 1.67 ERA, gave up five earned runs on nine hits and four walks in four innings. In games reported in late Monday editions:

Red Sox 2, Rangers 1 Pedro Martinez shook off a two-game slump and shut down baseball's best hitting team in Boston.

Martinez struck out nine, walked two, allowed five hits in seven innings and overcame

visiting Arizona lost its sixth straight.

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the Mets snap a six-game losing streak.

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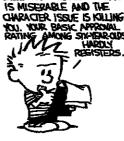
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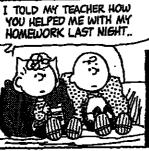
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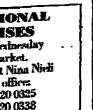
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Barney's life immediately changed for the better when Pfizer put it on the market. The first thing Barney did was ask his doctor if there was any downside to the medi-

have a heart attack. Barney said, "I'll take it." The introduction of Viagra

Rothko Retrospective Opens in Washington

New York Times Service WASHINGTON - Drawing heavily on its own holdings, the largest public repository of Mark Rothko's works, the National Gallery of Art has mounted the first comprehensive American retrospective since 1978 of paintings and works on paper by Rothko.

Arranged chronologically from the 1930s to 1970, when Rothko died at 66, the 115 works present a range of styles. "Mark Rothko" will travel to the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York and the Museum of Modern Art in Paris.

WASHINGTON — If to the public presents very someone were to ask serious social problems. The Will the pill give men who have no lease on life 1 new beginning and the promise of a rainbow in the sky?

I'm not discussing the help that married people will get from it. My fear is that the pill will fall into the hands of single men and terrorists who would use it to satisfy their own selfish politically incorrect agendas.

There was a time when envelope), but my friend men asked women if they were on the pill. Now, women must ask men the same question, and if they both say yes. the obvious next question is,

"Your place or mine?" Pfizer should put warnings on its Viagra label: "This pill His doctor said, "You can may only be used by consensual people. Use without permission of both parties could lead to high blood pressure and astronomical legal fees. The pill is not a cure for the common cold, but should give you the same feeling of well-being produced by Proz-

> I happen to be a supporter of Viagra, and like so many other people, I regret to this day I did not buy stock in Pfizer. Obviously, it's a drug whose time has come - or at least the time has come to take this drug.

It's now up to the American people to decide what to do with the weapon — just as they had to decide what to do with the atomic bomb. The only evidence I have that it works is from Barney, Ever since he took Viagra, he has had a big smile on his face.

Pat Oliphant: Oh, the Nostalgia for Bad Times cunning Nixon to cross the Styx

By Francis X. Clines New York Times Service

WASHINGTON — Protecting his own subversiveness is the ultimate art for Pat Oliphant, the political cartoonist who is pernicious enough to vote for those politicians he most despises and so most needs to keep on drawing.

ital political culture that feeds his art reduced to a thin gruel of off. glandular inanities and musk-driven inquisition, he wonders whether his sense of subversiveness can survive.

"Is this what it's all about?" Oliphant asked in a Georgetown tavern, his glass gesturing toward a city he finds lost in a skein of such self-satire as to face professional satirists like himself with extinc-

"I used to think this was a noble thing to be doing every day," he continued. He was taking a break from the drawing board where he creates four cartoons a week, syndicated in 375 newspapers, in a body of work that covers 35 years of American politics, from Vietnam War protest to Cold War peace tion. and to what he now finds is the great ludicrous beyond. "It doesn't feel noble anymore. It becomes harder to fan myself up for what now goes on here.

For him, it is not enough to draw with acid line the booming caricature of President Bill Clinton as the invincible Flimflam Man who blithely leers out at visitors to the retrospective tribute currently be-ing paid to Oliphant at the Library of Congress. It is not enough to reduce Kenneth Starr, the independent counsel who stalks Clinton's most intimate secrets, to a round little mechanical lawyer with a key jutting from his back, t"You board. wind it up and it eats the Con-

And it is not enough to remain unsparing of Richard Nixon even unto death, as Oliphant depicts him dark-snouted and scheming with Satan to allow another all-new, all-

back to political life. ("I'll beg forgiveness, play the whole redemption bit.")

'Nixon's never really left: I can still get two cartoons a year" out of him. Oliphant said, pining outright for an old enemy whose evil he considers of classic proportions and not to These days, as he finds the cap- be denied or equivocated or spun to some populist stand-

"Of course, I voted for Reathe 62-year-old artist added, confirming an old story. Who would want to draw Walter Mondale for four vears?

No less does he fear Al Gore's possible ascension. "The Concierge." Oliphant said in summary of the vice president's wooden posture and sonorous delivery. "You know. Gore grew up here in a hotel, and I think he spent too much time hanging around the 'Boring?" he finally said

with a guffaw across his glass at the inadequacy of such an adjective for such an unwavering Clinton-Boring is a most terrible word in Oliphant's vocabulary, for he is a

restless artist inspired as much by Daumier and Rodin as by Ronald Searle and Bill Mauldin. The show at the Library of Congress, which runs through July 6, includes samples of his political graphy and monotyping, all of which he has been doing for years in searching beyond his cartooning

"A creator whose ideas, accomplishments and art will certainly endure," said James H. Billington. the librarian of Congress, in opening the show with the acquisition of more than 60 Oliphant originals for the library's holdings.



Oliphant on political cartooning: "It doesn't feel noble anymore."

Oliphant has caricatured seven presidents from life plus their assorted rivals and underlings unto J. Edgar Hoover in basic black and fishnet stockings. As a draftsman he finds it difficult to skewer Hil-

manity. "It's like drawing two lawyers, which, of course, is all they are.' president as drawing subject. "I always felt he was carefully com-

Of course, he could never miss the Clinton face as he does the

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quite seriously. He has been using the first pets more often as a kind of Greek chorus at the Clinton White House to spare himself too many stabs at the principals.

In his current unease, Oliphant lary Rodham Clinton adequately is a reminder that he needs unease, or to plumb her husband's hu- at least, to function well. He sounds ready to pick on his readers even more than their political leaders. "I'm confounded by the sculptures. oil painting, lithomonotyping all of never liked him," he said of the more, "he said. "There is a great disregard for what's happening in the country, and where it's going. posing his face to go with the mo- In fact, you're preaching to an empty theater. Everybody's gone to the beach.

"It's like living in Australia again," he continued, referring to the birthplace he left for American found his editors so conserva-tive and interfering that he felt driven to invent a character to express his own subversive. ness, the tiny pengiin Punk who still has the last word from the edges of his drawings.

Timorous worms, Ol.

iphant muttered of cartoon editors, finding too many of them ham-handed for the curtest shibboleths of political comer ness and too quick to deny poblication to what he rates his best, most knife-edged offer-

ings.
"Newspapers are dying,"
he said. "And cartoons are
stronger and accepted more when times are bad and you're railing against something We're suffering from good times, and what's good for the republic is bad for cartoon

Which brings him back to the Flimflam Man and the odd cast of fresh characters that lately leave Oliphant exuding more despair than deviltry. He recently tried to see how long he could go without them. You're looking for some

Italian election to do - any. thing! — mainly because satire has been overtaken by real. ity and it's staying ahead of us," he said. "I tried to go a week without any reference to it, Leyinsky, Clinton, Paula Jones, I al-

most made it. Oliphant finally broke down drawing — which one was it? Perhaps the gathering of panicky charwomen at the White House phone: "Call Mr. Starr — Myrtle's been groped!" Or the well-tailored black man with the fedora over his face telling the president, "I'm no Vernon Jordan.

With any luck, times will get more truly worse for Oliphant and his pen. 'I'll do the tobacco thing tomorrow," he vowed at the notion of the death's-head tobacco merchants he mercilessly draws. "All current administration, it will be citizenship. Australia was where he the cat and the dog," Oliphant said first tried political cartooning and brightening.

PEOPLE

WHAT does Prime Minister Tony Blair of Britain have in common with the screen heartthrobs Leonardo DiCaprio, Matt Damon and Tom Sel-leck? Members of the opposition in the House of Commons may disagree, but according to People magazine, Blair is one of the 50 "Most Beautiful People in the World." Blair, who turns 45 this month, is the only politician on the list, which comprises mostly movie, music and sports stars. "We should have him cloned," the fashion designer Diane Von Furstenberg is quoted as saying in

The young man seen with Chelsea Clinton during the president's weekend visit to Stanford University is a religious studies major and champion swimmer. In a telephone interview with the San Jose Mercury News, Matthew Pierce identified himself as Chelsea Clinton's

boyfriend, the newspaper reported Mon-

day. According to a biography provided

by the Stanford athletic department.

Pierce is a 20-year-old junior from The

Woodlands, Texas, just north of Houston. In March, Pierce won the 200-meter butterfly to help Stanford capture this year's NCAA men's swimming championship. He also competed in the backstroke and participated in the 1996 U.S. Olympic trials. Pierce accompanied the

Clintons at a nondenominational service Sunday at the Stanford Memorial Church. He later joined the family for lunch at a Palo Alto restaurant.

The French singer and actor Charles

'Ragtime' Leads Tony Nominations

The Associated Press

novel of turn-of-the-century America. one-man show. "Freal was nominated Monday for 13 Tony

awards for the New York theater. "The Lion King," Disney's stage extravaganza of its successful animated feature, was second with 11 nominations. Both were nominated for

Nominated for best play were "Art" by Yasmina Reza. "Golden

Child" by David Henry Hwang, "The NEW YORK—"Ragtime," a mu-sical version of E.L. Doctorow's McDonagh and John Leguizamo's

Leguizamo also was nominated for best actor in a play, along with Anthony LaPaglia in "A View From the Bridge," Richard Briers in "The Chairs" and Alfred Molina in "Art." Allison Janney, in "A View From

best musical, along with the short-lived "Side Show" and "The Scarlet actress in a play, as were Jane Alexander, "Honour": Geraldine McEwan, "The Chairs," and Marie Mullen. "The Beauty Queen of Leenane."

Aznavour is ahead of legends such as Elvis Presley and Charlie Chaplin as this century's top artist and entertainer, according to a Time magazine poll of its on-line readers. Aznavour has received more than 755,000 votes, ahead of second-place Elvis with more than 690,000, in the magazine's ongoing poll. The poll is part of a joint Time/ CBS project called Time 100, honoring the century's most influential leaders. The magazine's June 1 issue will feature its selection of the century's 20 most significant artists and entertainers.

A 3,336-pound graffiti-splashed section of the Berlin Wall has come to rest in the new Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in central Washington. Workers installed the chunk two days before dedication ceremonies Tuesday for the second-largest federal structure after the Pentagon. The wall section was donated by the citizens of Berlin and the Daimler-Benz company to honor the former president. The Washington Post said.



A Clinton aide, left, and Matthew Pierce, Chelsea Clinton's boyfriend.



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